



What does “only begotten” mean in Jesus case? “*Monogenēs* may be used as an *adjective*. For example, *monogenēs pais* means *only child, only legitimate child or special child*. *Monogenēs* may also be used on its own as a *noun*. For example, *o monogenēs* means “the only one”, or “the only legitimate child” . . . Some interpretations of the word “unique” attempt to preclude birth, yet the full Greek meaning is always in the context of a child (*genes*). A unique child is also a born child, hence the full meaning of the word “begotten” as found in *John 3:16 (KJV), for example*”—*Wikipedia*

Because their dogma asserts that Jesus is eternal, Trinitarians claim that “only begotten” means “‘unique’ or ‘one of a kind’” (*The Forgotten Trinity, p 58*). But the Bible says the Son had an **“origin”** to his life (**Micah 5:2 NRSV**), whereas the Father didn’t (**Psalm 90:2**).

To cover up this embarrassing fact, Trinitarians claim, “*Being the ‘only begotten Son of God’ tells us Jesus is exactly what His Father is.*” “*In John 1:14 . . . Luther argues that here John disposes of Arianism also because the Logos was eternally God . . . what Origin called the Eternal generation of the Son*” (*Word Pictures in the New Testament, vol 5, p 4-5, by A T Robertson*).

**“ONLY BEGOTTEN” IN JESUS CASE MEANS HE WAS CREATED**

Jesus said, **“I have come down from heaven” (John 6:38 LSB)**, which means he had lived in heaven prior to his birth on earth. According to the scriptures, his life had an “origin” (Micah 5:2 NRSV), so he had not lived eternally in heaven, as often asserted.

**“The Word became flesh . . . and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father” (John 1:14 LSB)**. The Father begot the Son, Jesus, meaning he created him.

**“No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him” (John 1:18 LSB)**. Jesus is in the bosom of the Father.

**“God . . . gave His only begotten Son” (John 3:16 LSB)**. God gave us “only begotten his Son”, which means the Son can’t be God.

Jesus is **“the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18 LSB)**. Jesus is “the only begotten Son of God”. The “Son of God” can’t be God.

**“God has sent his only begotten Son into the world” (1 John 4:9 LSB)**. God is someone other than “his only begotten Son”.

“ONLY BEGOTTEN” HUMANS HAVE PARENTS WHO PROCREATED THEM

**“A dead man was being carried, the only begotten son of his mother and she was a widow” (Luke 7:12 LSB margin)**. He was widow’s only begotten son.

**“Jairus . . . an official of the synagogue . . . had an only begotten daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying” (Luke 8:41,42 LSB margin)**. Jairus’ twelve year old only begotten daughter was dying.

**“A man from the crowd shouted , saying, ‘Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my only begotten’” (Luke 9:38 LSB margin)**. This man’s only begotten son was

possessed by a demon (verse 49).

**“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son” (Hebrews 11:17**

**NASB)**. Abraham was in the process of sacrificing his only begotten son Isaac before being stopped by God’s angel. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born (Genesis 17:17).

Every “only begotten” son or daughter, whether human or divine, had parents had already lived for years prior to their coming into existence. Every “only begotten”, without exception, had a beginning to his/her existence.