



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 (**Psalms 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” as Applied to Jesus

“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.

“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 his Son.

Jesus is **“the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18 LSB).** Jesus is “the only begotten Son of 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” Means A Son Or Daughter Of A Parent

“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 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 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 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 son Isaac before being stopped by God’s angel.

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