

## Deacon's Beacons

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“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Acts 2:36

In the third century, there arose a belief to which some held that Jesus was not divine at birth but became divine at the Resurrection. This came to be referred to as Arianism after a priest named Arius who was one of the primary proponents of it. That belief was condemned as heresy at the Council of Nicea and the result was the beginning of the Creed that we recite every Sunday. Looking at this passage though, it may be understandable why such a notion arose at all. Remember that we have two thousand years of tradition and Tradition upon which to understand what we believe. One could also suppose that the words of Peter, cited for us in this passage from Acts, when understood in the sense of eternity and the coexistence of chronological moments in an eternal moment, are true even when we accept that Jesus is coeternal with the Father and always divine.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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