

Deacon's Beacons

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:1–3

We are reminded once again that The Word, the Incarnate Word, Jesus, is God and has always been so. This has not always been the understanding of the Church. But in the 4th century, at the Council of Nicea, the issue was settled. Arians were proposing that Jesus was not God from the beginning but that He became divine at the Resurrection. The orthodox segment of the Church rejected this. If you look at this passage, it is pretty clear. This is exactly where we get the word “consubstantial.” We used to say one in substance with the Father. But in the Greek, that is *homoousis*. LDS do not accept this. They believe in *homoeousis*, or “of like substance. We proclaim boldly and confidently that Jesus is Lord and God from all eternity.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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