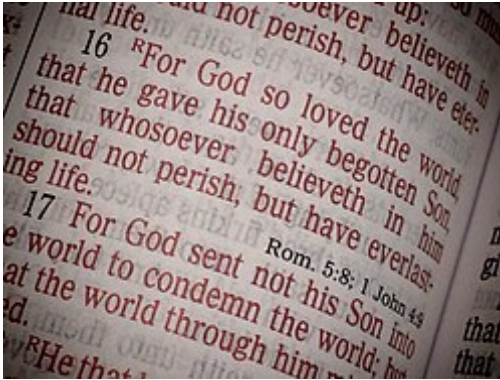




What does “only begotten” mean in Jesus case? “*Monogenēs* may be used as an *adjective*. For example, *monogenēs pais* means *only child, only legitimate child or special child*. *Monogenēs* may also be used on its own as a *noun*. For example, *o monogenēs* means “the only one”, or “the only legitimate 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” 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.