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Did Jesus and his disciples teach the doctrine of the Trinity? Did church fathers teach it? In the year 381 C.E., another council met in Constantinople and affirmed the full divinity of the holy spirit should be worshiped and glorified just as the Father and Son. In the year 451 C.E., another synod met in Constantinople and affirmed the full divinity of the holy spirit. In the year 553, before a council in Rome, Pope Damasus presented a collection of documents written by the church. The document, called the Tome of Damasus, included the following statement:

"If anyone denies that the Father is eternal, that the Son is eternal, and that the Holy Spirit is eternal, and if he says that the Son was made, or that he is a heretic."

Search as you may, you will not find one scripture that uses the word Trinity. The Bible says that Father, Son, and holy spirit are equal in all ways, such as in eternity, power, position, and wisdom. Not even a single scripture says that the Son is equal to the Father. If there were such a scripture, it would establish not a Trinity but at most a unity. The Bible equate the holy spirit with the Father.

Trinitarians may say that the Bible "implies" a Trinity. But this claim is not supported by the Bible. It is an attempt to read into the Bible what clergymen of later times made the doctrine.

Ask yourself: Why would the Bible only "imply" its most important teaching? The Bible is clear on other basic teachings; why not on this, the most important one? If the universe author a book that was clear on his being a Trinity if that were the case, the Bible does not clearly teach the Trinity doctrine is simple: It is not a Bible that teaches the Trinity, he would surely have made it clear so that Jesus and his disciples would have no doubt. Matthew 28:19, 20. There the Father, the Son, and the holy spirit are mentioned together. They claim that this implies a Trinity. But read the verses yourself. Is there a verse that says that the three are one God equal in eternity, power, position, and wisdom? Jesus say on one occasion, "I and the Father are one"? (John 10:30) Yes, but his statement does not even suggest a "Trinity," since he spoke of only two.

Jesus was surely not contradicting the scriptures we have already read. His expression he himself made clear later when he prayed regarding his followers: "I and the Father are one." (John 17:22) Jesus and his Father are "one" in that they are united with his Father. And he prayed that all his followers might likewise be in harmony with Jesus and with one another.