

# Trinity in Three Stages

- Stage 1: Background
  - Scriptural Issues
    - God is One; Father, Son and Spirit are God
    - Jesus Christ is God and Human
    - Father/Son vs. Brother/Brother relationships
  - Philosophical Issues
    - Mathematical illogic (Pythagorean impetus)
    - Transcendent Monad and imminent emanations (Middle Platonic milieu)
    - No Categories to fit the realities

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- Stage 2: Nicaea and its Christian Antecedents
  - Philo and Origen: God by participation
  - Irenaeus and Theophilus of Antioch: Two Hands
  - Tertullian: God by nature, but Two Lieutenants (underlings)
  - Sabellius: Modalism (Monarchianism)
  - Arius: “There was a time when He was not”
  - Constantine and the Council of Nicaea
  - Homoousios Formula: Son Same Nature as the Father
  - Homoousios rejected: Son Same Person as the Father

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- Stage 3: Nicaea (325) to Constantinople I (381)
  - Homoousios
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  - Homoiousios
  - Heteroousios
  - Pneumatamachoi
  - 3 Hypostases Homoousios