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**Subject:** Deity of Jesus Christ

**Dear Dr. Ryrie:** Is Jesus God, and was Jesus always God? Was He always the Son of God? After the resurrection, is He still the Son of God? -- Lil G.

**Dear Lil:** Yes, Jesus was, is, and always will be God. As a member of the Trinity, this has to be true; otherwise, there would have been no Trinity until Christ came to earth in His incarnation. But remember when we say "son of," we usually mean "offspring." Our Lord was the son of Mary in that sense. But "son of" also means "identical to, of the same order." "Sons of the prophets" meant "of the order of prophets" (1 Kings 20:35). Look up Nehemiah 12:28 also. So when our Lord was designated "Son of God," it meant that He was of the same order, identical to God Himself. He called Himself that while on earth in John 10:36. After the resurrection, He also designated Himself as the Son of God in Revelation 2:18. The full and eternal deity of Christ is well-established in the Bible.

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