

# What God is like

Greeks and Norsemen though there were many gods.

Judaism and Islam realised there is one god.

Dualism says there are two gods.

The truth is more complex.

## The Trinity

one God in three persons.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” — Matthew 28:19.

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” — 2 Corinthians 13:14.

“No sooner do I conceive of the One than I am illumined by the splendour of the Three; no sooner do I distinguish Three than I am carried back into the One.” — Gregory of Nazianzus, ~370 AD.

The trinity to us is like a three-dimensional shape to a two-dimensional person.

## Why this matters

### 1. Our explanations of who God is

“Don’t let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, ‘The Lord will rescue us!’ Have the gods of any other nations ever saved their people from the king of Assyria? What happened to the gods of Hamath and Arpad? And what about the gods of Sepharvaim? Did any god rescue Samaria from my power? What god of any nation has ever been able to save its people from my power? So what makes you think that the Lord can rescue Jerusalem from me?” — Isaiah 36:18–20.

Sennacherib didn't just misunderstand how great God is but what he is.

### 2. Our own understanding of who God is

God of God; light of light  
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb  
Very God — begotten, not created.  
— O Come, All Ye Faithful.

### 3. Relationship within the Trinity

God has always been love.

“Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.” — John 17:5

We are invited in.

“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me.” — John 17:22-23a.