

# 22 - Christology and the Councils of Ephesus

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”  
~ Colossians 2:9 ~

## I. Chaos and Christology

**The Key Question:** NOT *is* Jesus Christ both divine and human, but *how* are the divine and human natures united in the person of Jesus Christ?

### A. Two Competing Schools and a Significant Outlier

1. **The Alexandrian School** (Word-flesh Union)

2. **The Antiochene School** (Word-man Union)

3. **The West** (Roman See)

### B. The Relatively New (and sometimes raging) **Policial-Religious Environment**

### C. Apollinarianism

## II. Nestorianism and the “First“ Council of Ephesus (431)

### A. The Bishop/Patriarch of Constantinople

### B. His “Teaching”

1. **Two Natures / Two Persons**

2. *Theotokos: God-bearer*

3. **The Problem**

### C. 431 - The Council of Ephesus (3rd Ecumenical Council)

## III. Eutychianism and the “Second” Council of Ephesus (449, The Robbers' Synod)

### A. The Controversial Doctrine

**B. The Controversial Council**

**IV. Concluding Thoughts**

**A. Great Indeed is the Mystery of Godliness**

**B. Sad Indeed is the Foolishness of His Church (at times)**

**C. Remarkable is Indeed is the Ministry of the Holy Spirit to preserve the Truth**