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## Did the early church as recorded in the book of Acts look upon Jesus as God?

In a word, YES! This is seen by the various names ascribed to Jesus in Acts:

- God's Holy One, God's Holy Child (Acts 2:17; 3:14; 4:27, 30; 13:35)
- The Exalted One at God's right hand (Acts 2:32, 33; 7:55, 56)
- The Supreme Judge of the world (Acts 17:31)
- The Forgiver of Sin (Acts 2:38; 5:31; 7:60; 10:43; 13:38)
- The Son of God (Acts 3:13; 8:37; 9:20)
- The Only Way to God (Acts 4:12)
- The Builder of David's Dynasty

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world" (Acts 15:14-18).

It should be noted that in this passage the "Builder of David's Tabernacle" (Jesus) is twice identified as God Himself! See 15:14, 18.