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**Ho·moi·ou·si·an**  (hō'moi- sē-ən, -zē-)

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*n.*

An adherent of the Christian doctrine, formulated in the fourth century AD, that Jesus the Son and God the Father are of similar but not of the same substance.

[From Greek *homoiousios*, of similar substance : *homoio-*, homeo- + *ousiā*, substance (from *ousa*, feminine present participle of *einai*, to be; see **es-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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