

# WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

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### INTRODUCTION:

In 1865 William Dix wrote a Christmas Carol that posed a question that spawned a myriad of answers.

- A good teacher: doesn't claim to be God.
- A good example: doesn't hang with prostitutes or drunkards.
- A religious fake: usually stays dead.
- A phantom: doesn't have flesh to crucify or blood to shed.
- A myth: doesn't set the calendar for history.

If he's none of these, then what child is this? The better question might be "how do we discover what child is this? How do we know who George Washington is? We don't just look at his birth. We look at his career, accomplishments and character long after his birth. The same is true with Jesus.

### THREE PERSPECTIVES

#### 1. Alphabetical. **REVELATION 22:13**

- A. This perspective speaks of His deity (God). **JOHN 1:1-4** The encyclopedia Britannica has 32 volumes, each containing, 1,375,000 words, for a grand total of 44 million words.
- B. In Christ, God has hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
**HEBREWS 10:7**
- C. "I AM" bread of life, light of the world, door of the sheep, resurrection and the life, good shepherd, way truth and life, and the true vine.
- D. Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

#### 2. Botanical. **REVELATION 22:16**

- A. Root and offspring of David speaks of His humanity (man).
- B. **MATTHEW 22:41-46** Jesus asked over 100 questions to answer this one, they would have to accept the incarnation, lord=deity, descendent=humanity. They refused to answer.
- C. **LUKE 2:25-33** Before there were wisemen, shepherds or angels singing, there was Simeon. He was told he would not taste death until he saw the Lord's Christ.

#### 3. Astronomically. **REVELATION 22:16**

- A. Bright and morning star speaks of royalty (king). **NUMBERS 24:17** Star and scepter speak of royalty and kingship.
- B. **REVELATION 19:11-16** He's coming again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

### CONCLUSION:

What child is this? He's God (deity); man (humanity); king (royalty). He's messiah, redeemer, savior, healer, deliverer, provider, protector, cloud by day, fire by night, fourth man in the fiery furnace, the one Herod couldn't kill, the grave couldn't hold, the creator and upholder of all things, always was, is and will always be, he Jesus, Emmanuel and God with us!