



SUNDAY EVENING AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: What Child Is This?

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“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:7)

I. Jesus, the Son of Man

“Son of Man” is a Messianic title Jesus used to describe His heavenly origin, His earthly mission, and His glorious future.

“Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” (Matthew 16:13)

A. The Son of Man Reminds Us That God Provided His Son

We are reminded that the Babe in the manger was deity wrapped in humanity.

“For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.” (Hebrews 2:16)

The baby that Mary carried was truly God who had become man, and He came to dwell among us.

B. The Son of Man Reminds Us That God Provided Salvation Through His Son

“Why reason ye these things in your hearts?” (Matthew 2:8)

“Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may



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know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins... ” (Mark 2:9)

While we are thinking about salvation—which includes the forgiveness of sin—we must pause to recognize that all of us need that forgiveness.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

The term “Son of Man” also reminds us that God is providing comfort to every hurting and lonely heart.

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

II. Jesus the Lamb of God

In the Old Testament, blood sacrifice was always God’s appointed way of making atonement for sin.

“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” (Exodus 12:13)

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

Jesus’ purpose in coming to earth was not merely to teach great truths or live a perfect example. He was truly born to die—the sacrifice for our sin.

“with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;” (1 Peter 1:18)

“with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:19)

There must be a price paid in order to reconcile us to a holy God. We who fall short need reconciliation.



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III. Jesus the King of Kings

“And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation 19:16)

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” (Matthew 2:1-2)

“There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel...” (Numbers 24:17)

When we truly understand who we are, that we fall short of His glory, and who He is, that He loves us, invites us into His presence, and provides a covering for our sin, the only right response is to humble ourselves and worship, just as the wise men of old.

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (6:23)

Salvation is not about becoming more religious, joining a church, or trying harder. This is about turning from your sin and putting your trust in Jesus Christ alone as your Savior.



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