

A silhouette of a nativity scene is shown in the foreground, set against a backdrop of rolling hills and a night sky filled with stars. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a warm orange and red near the horizon. A prominent, bright, multi-pointed star is visible in the upper right quadrant. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

# The Christmas CONNECTION

- Anticipation
- Opposition
- Proclamation

- Luke 2:4-7

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Who Was the Babe in  
the Manger?



The Babe was ...

1. GOD

Colossians 1 NKJV

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.



The Babe was ...

## 2. The Eternal Creator

Colossians 1 TLB

16 Christ himself is the Creator who made everything in heaven and earth, the things we can see and the things we can't; the spirit world with its kings and kingdoms, its rulers and authorities; all were made by Christ for his own use and glory.

17 He was before all else began and it is his power that holds everything together..

The Babe was ...

### 3. The Head of the Church and World

Colossians 1 NKJV

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

The Babe was ...


#### 4. Our Reconnection to God

Colossians 1 NKJV

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—



A silhouette of a nativity scene is shown in the lower-left corner, set against a background of rolling hills under a starry night sky. The hills are illuminated with a warm, reddish-orange glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous stars of varying sizes and brightness. A prominent, large, multi-pointed star is visible in the upper right quadrant. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of the Christmas story.

# Who Was the Babe in the Manger?

- God
- Creator
- Head of Church & World
- Our Reconnection to God





# Challenge

Let's live out the full  
meaning of Christ's  
coming into our lives  
and the world