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Title: What Child is This?

Purpose: Purpose: Proclaim a panorama of the eternal nature, being and work of Jesus Christ.

Text: Matthew 1:21-23

Truth for Today: Jesus Christ is worthy of our worship.

Topic: Christmas Eve, Birth of Christ, Savior, Judge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, God, Creator

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- I. Introduction
  - A. Picture manger scene. Christmas is focused on the birth of Jesus Christ, but the Bible says so much more about Him. Today I want to do a brief Biblical overview of who Jesus Christ is, what He did, what He's doing now and what He will do one day. Jesus is so much more than a baby in a manger.
- II. What child is this?
  - A. Jesus is God angel-Joseph[Mt. 1:21–23 (NLT) she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for **he will save his people from their sins.**” 22..this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: 23 **The virgin will conceive a child!** She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘**God is with us.**’] (Is 7:14, 700 years) In His birth, He took on human flesh. His mission was to sacrifice His life on the cross as a substitute for our sins so we could be forgiven and have eternal life. [John 1:29 (ESV) (*John the Baptist*) saw Jesus coming...and said, “Behold, **the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**”]
  - B. Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer of Life [Col. 1:15–20 (ESV) He (*Jesus*) is **the image of the invisible God...**16 **For by him all things were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...17 **And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**
  - C. (After the resurrection, Jesus went to heaven, seated at the right hand of God) Jesus will come back to earth one day [1 Thes. 4:16–17 (NLT) **For the Lord himself will come down from heaven ...** with the trumpet call of God. First, the **believers who have died will rise from their graves.** 17 Then...**we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** Then we will be with the Lord forever.]
  - D. Jesus will one day judge all humanity [Mt. 25:31–41 (ESV) “When the **Son of Man** comes in his glory...**he will sit on his glorious throne.** 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another...34 Then **the King** will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.] God has given us all free will to believe and follow Jesus or reject Him. Our eternal soul hangs in the balance.
- III. Conclusion
  - A. 2 Picture Cemetery [John 11:25 (ESV) Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. **Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,**] This is why we Jesus was born, this is why we celebrate Christmas because Jesus offers those who believe and follow Him eternal life.
- IV. Response: Prayer for personal needs and salvation
- V. Bibliography/ Resources: Logos Bible Software and Library, Platinum Edition, was used to prepare this message.