

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Scripture: Hebrews 1: 1-4

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Nothing can capture for me the beauty of Christmas better than carols. They are able to set the atmosphere -- the crowded inn, the great star, shepherds in the field, sudden glory of the heavenly hosts, the sleeping babe and the wondering hearts that came to worship Jesus. One carol we sing at Christmas asks the question, *What child is this, who, laid to rest; On Mary's lap, is sleeping?* And the chorus answers, *This, this is Christ the King.* I am sure the shepherds asked the same question: "What Child is this?" The verses from Hebrews 1:1-4 answers the question, "What Child is this?"

The declaration of Hebrews 1:1-4 is the phrase "God spoke" to man. In times past he spoke by the prophets but now "he has spoken to us by a Son." That answers the question "What Child is this?" Is this Baby, the complete Word of God to mankind? **"but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."** The most wonderful thing the Christmas story brings before us is that Baby who lies in Mary's arms, is the One who created the universe. **"He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by the word of his power."** That is amazing.

The good news of Christmas is that every one of us who has found Christ and who follows him finds that He has the power to cleanse us. Now, that is the greatest message of all. **"...having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs."** The angels sang praises to the shepherds that night. Christmas is the opportunity for love to break out in our families and we can be the loving creatures God made. That is why Christmas is associated with warmth, love, and joy.

Prayer: Lord, we hope the gratitude of our hearts will express what it means to have the Son of God born in our hearts as he was born in the stable at Bethlehem. Amen.

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