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Have you ever heard someone refer to Jesus Christ as the God-Man? Did you know that salvation hinges on the incarnation of Jesus Christ? Have you ever wondered, **“What Child is this?”**

Gabriel was on assignment from God. This one who stands in the presence of God was sent to speak to Zacharias to show him glad tidings. “Fear not, Zacharias: for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you shall have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before Him in the spirit and

power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (Luke 1.13-17) **What Child is this?**

Six months into Elizabeth’s pregnancy, Gabriel was sent from God to Nazareth of Galilee to a young girl, a virgin, engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel said, “Hail, you that are highly favored, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women.”

The angel then continued, “Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor with God. And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” (Luke 1.26-33)

Mary couldn’t figure out how this was to take place, seeing she was a virgin, so the angel said, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, your cousin Elizabeth, has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.” (Luke 1.35-37)

Amazingly, Mary accepted all that Gabriel came to announce to her. She said, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to your word.” And the angel departed. (Luke 1.38) This took courageous faith. Mary knew the Law. **What Child is this?**

We can only imagine Mary trying to explain herself to Joseph, because before they came together, the Bible says, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Joseph was of the mind to put Mary away privately. He didn’t want to make a public example of her. He was a just man. The Law required stoning to death.

God intervened as Joseph thought about it all. Then the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto yourself Mary your wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1.18-21) **So, what Child is this?**

***Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,
And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is,
God with us. (Matthew 1.23)***

When the time was fully come, i.e., in God’s appointed time, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law. (**Galatians 4.4**) The Messiah and Mediator of the covenant of grace appeared on earth when the Jewish Diaspora had spread throughout the Roman Empire, when the OT had been translated into Greek, when the *pax Romana* extended over most of the known world, when great roads and the Greek language linked peoples and places, and when Greek philosophical thought had shrunk into skepticism, offering little hope in human wisdom (1 **Corinthians 1.19-21**). The whole world stood in need of a Savior. **But what Child is this?**

***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not...
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory,
The glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (John 1.1-5, 17)***

John clearly writes of Jesus Christ as the one to whom he refers, telling us explicitly that no one has seen God at any time but that the only begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father has declared Him. (**John 1.18**) By being conceived of a human mother, Jesus shared our humanity (**Hebrews 2.14**). “Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people... 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 2.17; 4.15) **What Child is this?**

Jesus is the Son of God, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, and He did take upon Him man’s nature, with all its essential properties and common infirmities, yet without sin. The God-Man, Jesus the Christ, started out sinless and continued on without sin, though tempted in every way just like you and me. His death wouldn’t have meant anything if He hadn’t been found to be a Lamb without spot or blemish. Had He been an ordinary man, His blood would not have been acceptable as an offering to atone for sin. Had He been other than what He is, He could not have endured the wrath of God poured out nor defeated Satan, nor provided for us a way of redemption, reconciling sinners to the Father. This Jesus is the Messiah, Prophet, Priest, King. **What Child is this?**

Jesus is God, the God-Man. He existed eternally, saying, before Abraham was, I AM. And God the Son took on a human nature so we could behold the glory and lay hold of the grace offered to us in the gospel announced to us

***Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
Which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
Which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2.10***



***May yours be a
Blessed Christmas filled with the wonder
Of this Child, Jesus Christ.***