

## WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

(Luke 2:8-20)

One of the joys of Christmas for many is to set-up a Nativity scene depicting the birth of Jesus. It is typical to have some sort of manger with a little baby. Unfortunately for a large number of people, a baby is all they see. The old Christmas hymn, "What Child Is This?" attempts to draw us deeper in considering the wonder of this Holy One born on Christmas day.

We too do well in considering this One born of Mary, for there is far more here than meets the eye. Don't miss it!

### THREE TITLES ("OFFICES") DESCRIBING THIS SON, BORN OF MARY, COMPELLING US TO COME AND WORSHIP HIM.

Let's join the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels in worship as we behold the wonder of God's incarnate Son.

#### I. **Jesus Is Prophet: Revealing God To Us. (John 1:14)**

When He became incarnate, He became a declaration in human flesh of what God is. (John 1:4-18)

A. A prophet is one who comes with a message from God to the people.

1. He "speaks forth" for God. Some of it is foretelling, most of it is not.

2. There is a passive and active sense to the work.

the passive sense...is most important...he has received a message from God.

the active sense...he is to tell this message to the people for God.

3. His duty is to reveal the will of God to the people. Often, moral and spiritual aspects...

B. There were many prophets in the Old Testament. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, are a few of them.

Yet, Jesus is the greatest of all the prophets.

1. His teaching in the Gospels demonstrates a greater variety of subjects and a more comprehensive revelation than is found in any of OT record of the prophets.

2. Unlike all other prophets, Jesus revealed God not only in His spoken ministry, but also in His life and person.

In life, death, and His resurrection, Jesus was a revelation of God far beyond any...

3. Texts:

Luke 13:33...Jesus speaks of Himself as a prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:15...Moses foretells of this prophet. Acts 3:22-23...applied to Jesus.

#### II. **Jesus Is Priest: The Great High Priest:Representing Us To God. (1Timothy 2:5)**

When He came, He came as Savior, to rescue us from sin through offering Himself as our Substitute.

A. A priest is one appointed by God to represent men and women in the presence of God.

