

December 12, 2021
Theology of the Carols
What Child is This

One question still asked today is, “Who is Jesus?” That is the question we are forced to answer as we sing *What Child is This?* The hymn, obviously, answers that question. However, it does more than just answer the question. Originally written as a poem by William Dix, it takes the reader on a journey. As he answers the question in the poem, he is also pleading with the reader to respond to the question as well. For the baby born in the manger is none other than the Messiah who has come to redeem sinful humanity. When one comes to know him as Lord and Savior, the only response is one of worship and praise.

Outline:

1. What Child is this?
He is Christ the King.
2. Why the mean estate?
It connects the manger to Calvary?
3. What is our response?
Turn to the King for salvation.
Praise Him for your salvation.

Additional Verses:

Luke 2:15-21
Luke 2:29-34
Romans 6:4
Romans 8:1-2

To read the original verses:

https://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns_and_Carols/what_child_is_this_version_1.htm

Study Questions:

1. Why do people ask, “Who is this Jesus.?” Which person who asked that question in the New Testament do you must identify with? Why?
2. If someone asked you who is Jesus, how would you answer?
3. How does the manger point to the cross?
4. How do you like to worship Jesus? What is your favorite way to worship at Christmas?
5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?