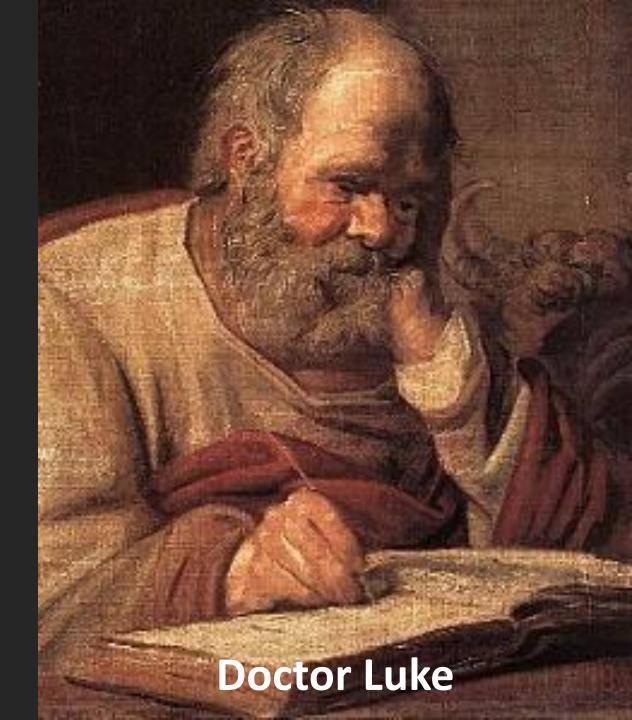
"What Child is This"

Luke 1:31-35



**Intro:** God's announcement to the old priest and a *virgin* broke His *silence* of over 400 years.

While there were many *contrasts* between the recipients, the greatest one was that of *faith* and *unbelief*.

God told of the *nature* and *destiny* of each child even before they were *conceived*.

While John's *greatness* was imputed to him, the Lord's greatness was His *nature*.

#### I. He Is God

He is called the Son of the *most* High, El Elyon in Hebrew which means; *supreme* One, Majestic One, *sovereign*, Luke 1:32, Deut. 32:8; Ps. 47:2; 2 Sam. 22:14.

Isaiah says this Child will be called; "Immanuel" which means, *God* with us.

Timothy says this Jesus was, "God manifested in the flesh," 1 Tim. 3:16.

### II. He Is Fully Man

While the *conception* was miraculous, His *birth* was completely *normal*, Luke 2:40, 52.

- 1. He had to be *human* to qualify to be a *sacrifice* for our sins, Hebrews 2:17,
- 2. So He could be a *sympathetic* High Priest, Heb. 2:18, 4:14-16.
- **3.** Believing in His *humanity* is a non-negotiable fact of our *Christian* faith, 2 John 1:7, Lk. 24:39.

#### **III.** He Was Sinless

While John was the *recipient* of the Holy Spirit, he still had his *father's* sin nature, while Jesus had the *sinless* nature of His father, the Holy Spirit. Lk. 1:35, 2 Cor. 5:21, Heb. 4:15.

### IV. He Is Sovereign

He will not only *rule* Jacob *Israel*, His reign will be world-wide and *eternal*.

Lk. 32-33. 2 Sam. 7.

#### V. He Is Savior

Both Mary and Joseph were told to name the child, Jesus, *Yeshua* in Hebrew, which means, Jehovah *Saves*. Lk. 1:31, Matt.1:21.

Scripture bears out Jesus' *purpose* for coming; Matt. 1:21,

Lk. 2:10-11, Lk. 19:10.