

Life Gathering Questions
Sunday December 2nd, 2018



Speaker: Kevin Loten
Series: Sing the Season
Title: *What Child is This?*

List all the things new parents would need to do to get ready for a baby.

2. How do you think our culture values the arrival of a baby? Are there any contradictions in these values?

3. Someone read **Matthew 1:18-25** and then read **Luke 24:36-47**. Which Jesus is 'easier' for you to worship—the baby or the resurrected Christ? Why?

4. Do you think there is a tendency (or a danger) to overlook worship of 'Jesus the baby' for 'Jesus the adult'? If so, what are the potential 'pitfalls' for us as followers of Jesus at this time of year?

5. Consider the words for *What Child is This?* How can this song help us prepare to celebrate God's faithfulness [to fulfill the promise of the Messiah] by coming to earth as a baby?

What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!
Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him,
The King of kings, salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!