What Child is This?

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I. Introduction.

- A. No one can answer, "What Child is This?" without the full record of Jesus in the gospels.
- B. Text: Hebrews 1.
- II. God spoke to men by a Son.
 - A. This tells us that the baby lying in Mary's lap is the ultimate, complete and final Word of God before mankind.
 - B. Reasons that Jesus was God's final Word to man:
 - 1. God spoke of old in many and various ways through the prophets, but after finishing the prophets one realizes that something is still missing. In Jesus, all the prophesies come together.
 - 2. Jesus forms the boundaries of history.
 - a. All history will end when the Son of Man returns in glory and establishes His kingdom on the earth. (Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13)
 - b. History begins with Jesus as its creator.
 - 3. Jesus is the master of the present.
 - a. He reflects the glory of God upholding the universe by the Word of His power.
 - b. Jesus is the one who is keeping things going right now.
 - 4. Jesus has solved the deepest problem of human life—the problem of human sin.
 - a. Sin might be called selfishness as well.
 - b. Every day, Jesus has the power to put away the sin of the past and set us on our feet again with a clean slate.
 - c. After these events, Jesus sat down at the right hand of God as Lord.
 - 5. Jesus has won the right to be worshipped by of all creation.
 - C. Christmas is the opportunity of love to break out and of the back of evil to be broken.

Application questions:

1. How does society in general answer the question: what child is this?	_
2. What are some reasons society struggles to accept Jesus' role as the final Word to man	- !?
3. How does a more comprehensive view of Jesus change the way we look at God's reve man?	– lation to –