

## What Child Is This?

*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.—I Corinthians 2:9*

When we think of Christmas and the birth of our Savior we have to admit that nothing like the Christmas story could have been prepared by man. Man does not begin to understand the love shown that night.

Throughout centuries, man has wondered about the babe who was born under such rude circumstances. A perplexed observer on the first Christmas might have questioned the extreme differences of the heavenly host singing “Glory to God in the highest” and the crude surrounding of the stable. How could the Child be placed in a manger and yet be exalted by angels?

Man has continued to ask questions about the Man Christ Jesus. Why didn't He have a place to lay His head? Why did He die a criminal's death? The songwriter, William Chatterton Dix has said:

*Why lies He, in a 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.*

What Child is this? Answer with me: the one who loved me so, my Savior and my Lord.