

V. JESUS IS THE **SAVING** WORD (1:10-13)

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”
I Timothy 1:15

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

VI. JESUS IS THE **INCARNATE** WORD (1:14)

“18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”
Matthew 1:18-23

“14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”
Hebrews 2:14-15

TUNE INTO JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS!

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John 10:27

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: TUNE INTO JESUS

What Child Is This
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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you tuned into Jesus this Christmas? There are a lot of noises during Christmas that can distract us from the true meaning which is to celebrate the first coming of Jesus. When we think of Christmas, music comes to mind! It seems like everywhere we go Christmas music is playing. We sing carols during this special time to recognize that Jesus came into the world to give us the greatest gifts, forgiveness and eternal life. But many of us have lost the meaning behind the carols. Each Christmas carol we sing should remind us of Jesus Christ and cause us to tune into Him.

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B. In this series, you will learn to “Tune Into Jesus” through understanding the background and application of the top five favorite Christmas carols of our church family.

Dec 10	Go Tell It On The Mountain
TODAY	What Child Is This
Dec 24 AM	Silent Night, Holy Night
Dec 24 PM	O Holy Night
Dec 31	Joy To The World

C. **TEXT:** John 1:1-14 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1175/New Testament)

What Child Is This emphasizes Jesus is the **Word**.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14

Christ is called “the Word” six times in Scripture and all occurrences appear only in the writings of John (John 1:1, 14; I John 1:1; Revelation 19:13). This title refers to the fact that Jesus is the perfect bodily revelation of God, Christ is the incarnate Word of God.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

Jesus Is The Word

I. JESUS IS THE **DIVINE** WORD (1:1)

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

“Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father;...” John 14:9a

“And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” John 20:28

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;” Colossians 2:9

“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,” Titus 2:13

II. JESUS IS THE **ETERNAL** WORD (1:2)

“57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.” John 8:57-59

“13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” Exodus 3:13-14

III. JESUS IS THE **CREATIVE** WORD (1:3)

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” Colossians 1:16-17

IV. JESUS IS THE **ENLIGHTENED** WORD (1:4-9)

“3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake.

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” II Corinthians 4:3-6

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Matthew 11:11

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God” Isaiah 40:3

“22 Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

23 He said: “I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the LORD,”’as the prophet Isaiah said.” John 1:22-23