

Merry little Christmas? Christmas is many things, but "little" is not one of them. From heaven's perspective, the coming of Jesus was the arrival of a king, the launching of a battle, and the promise of everything becoming new. In other words, Christmas was and is Cosmic. So in this series we are going to examine how Revelation interprets the birth of Christ, and we will realize just how big Christmas really is.

Week 1: A Cosmic King

- 1. **Ice Breaker Questions:** What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Who is your favorite character in the birth accounts of Jesus? Why? Follow up: Rick began by reminding us that Christmas deserves many adjectives, but "little" is not one of them. Why is it important to remember that Christmas is **HUGE**?
- 2. **MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS?: Read Revelation 12:1-17.** What jumps out to you about this version of the Christmas story? What is significant about John's point of view? Follow up: With that in mind, what type of reminders do you need this holiday season?
- 3. COSMIC KING: Heaven's perspective is indispensable. Cosmic Christmas says there is a big story being played out, and we are in the story, but we are not the main characters. Who are the main characters and what do they demand of us? Follow up: How has seeing things from heaven's perspective been helpful to you in the past and how does it help you in the present?
- 4. **COSMIC KING:** God's kingdom *is invincible*. Read Revelation 12:7-10. How does the dragon's inability to stop the story from going God's way encourage you to keep your eyes on the big picture when things don't seem to be going the way you hoped?
- **5. Read Psalm 2:1-9 & 145:13.** What do these verses highlight about God and His kingdom? How does that change your perspective on the demands of other kingdoms?
- 6. **COSMIC KING:** Jesus' reign *is inevitable*. In what ways does the birth of Jesus call us to reorient our life around this huge event? How has it changed you?
- 7. SO HAVE YOURSELF... Have an awe-full Christmas. We don't need better presents or fewer problems. We need a bigger view of Jesus. What are some things you can do these next few weeks to have a cosmic Christmas (to have a bigger view of Jesus)?

