

Cosmic Christmas

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 2: A Cosmic Conflict

1. **Ice Breaker Question:** *The Christmas Carol you sing almost every year?* (Have each person name a song and tell why). Follow up: How does John’s portrayal of Christmas in Revelation 12:1-17, challenge this season’s hope that all is calm?
2. **ALL IS CALM?** Rick reminded us that *Christmas is messy . . . behind the curtain a cosmic conflict is being waged by a dragon and Bethlehem is the arrival of the only One who can slay the dragon.* Follow up: How does seeing the whole picture of what’s going on above us help us cope with our messy world?
3. **COSMIC CONFLICT: A reign is being disputed.** *The rulers of every generation attack and outlaw the legitimacy of the sovereignty of Jesus. BUT! Read Luke 1:32-33; Matt. 2:2.* Jesus came to rule as King! How does the serpent continue to keep many from recognizing the sovereignty of Jesus today? What does it mean in tangible ways to recognize the reign of Christ today?
4. **COSMIC CONFLICT: Realize that our enemy can be defeated. Read Revelation 12:10-11.** The blood of Jesus evicted Satan from heaven, but his blood has invited us. We know that even death is not the end because we are in a conflict we cannot lose. “What is the word of your testimony about Jesus?”
5. **COSMIC CONFLICT: This war has been decided. Read Revelation 12:12.** The dragon and his demons know how this conflict will end. They still entice the world to join them in their misery. In what ways must we continue to “pull back the veil” to celebrate our victory with Jesus today?
6. **JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH: “Life is messy, but Lamb-power is MIGHTY!** Spend some in prayer claiming a strong commitment to resist Satan’s choice to love power and choose with the Lamb the power of love.

