

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 3: A Cosmic Victory

- 1. **Ice Breaker Question:** What is your favorite place to celebrate Christmas? Why is that place so meaningful to you? Follow up: If you've ever spent Christmas in a "dark place," how did the story of Christmas shine some light into that darkness?
- HUGE DECLARATION: Christmas declares "sin will not win!" Read Revelation 12:7-12. How does this part of the story encourage you the most? Follow up: Read John 3:16-17 & 1 John 3:8. How have verses like these helped you to remember that "sin will not win" in the midst of the darkness of our world?
- 3. A COSMIC VICTORY: "Forgiven" *is a given*. Read Revelation 1:5, Matthew 1:21, and Hebrews 10:5, 10. What comfort do these reminders give you when the accuser tries to steal your joy? Follow up: Share a practical way you can learn to listen to God's voice instead of the lies of the dragon.
- 4. A COSMIC VICTORY: Death *is on its deathbed.* The birth of Jesus is irrelevant unless he can render death impotent. Why is that truth so significant (see **Revelation 1:17-18** & John 11:25-26)? Follow up: How does knowing this help you live differently today?
- 5. A COSMIC VICTORY: All creation *is due for "new."* Why is it important to remember that the Bible does not start in Genesis 3? Follow up: How do verses like Acts 3:21 & Revelation 21:1-5 serve as a reminder that God hasn't given up on us?
- 6. HUGE ANTICIPATION: We have seen behind the curtain and we know that Christmas is the start of something big! How does this give us hope as we wait?
- 7. Rick closed by reminding us that "*Someday all created things will have a revelation of Jesus Christ.*" **Read Revelation 22:20**. How does that encourage you? Follow up: How has this series changed the way you will experience Christmas this year?

