

Revelation 11:19 – 12:17

Series – Revelation: Till the Bridegroom Returns

Message – The Cosmic Battle of Good and Evil

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### **A Christmas Story**

- Rev. 12:1-6
- The woman is the faithful \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people, both before and after the coming of Christ.
- The dragon is "that ancient serpent called the \_\_\_\_\_, or Satan, who leads the world astray" (Rev. 12:9).
- The child is Jesus.

### **Dude Got Bounced!**

- Rev. 12:7-8
- This is the Creator of all things addressing one of his \_\_\_\_\_ gone astray.
- Genesis 3:14-15 – the first gospel – *proto-euangelion*
- Rev. 12:9
- The Greek word translated "hurled down" literally means to be unceremoniously \_\_\_\_\_ out.

"The terrorizing names – Great Dragon, Ancient Serpent, Devil, Satan, Deceiver-of-the-Whole-Earth – are a pile of dirty laundry on the ground... We overestimate the politics of Rome and underestimate the politics of grace. [Revelation] is adrenaline to us of little faith, and we are again dauntless, unimpressed by dragon bluster, sure of God's preservation. The child survives, salvation is assured. God's rule is intact" (Eugene Peterson, Reversed Thunder, p.120-121).

- John 16:33
- Our enemy is desperate and \_\_\_\_\_ but remains an enemy, nonetheless.
- Rev. 12:17 – "to wage war against the rest of her offspring"

### **The Means of Overcoming**

- Rev. 12:11
- *Nikōnti* – to conquer, be victorious, \_\_\_\_\_, prevail, subdue
- These are the means of overcoming the evil one:
  1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb
  2. The word of their \_\_\_\_\_
- The gospel and how we came to know Jesus

### **Reflection Questions**

1. Did you know Rev. 12 was another version of the Christmas story, or was that a new concept?
2. How is this passage good news to you?
3. Share with the group how you came to know Jesus.
4. How is God getting your attention?
5. What might God be saying to you?
6. What are you going to do about it?