



CHRISTMAS IS ... _ _ _ _

INTRODUCTION:

- ▶ Christmas according to our culture
- ▶ Christmas for the Christ-follower
- ▶ Origins of the Christmas holiday
 - 1) Constantine the Great – AD 336
 - 2) Protestant Reformation “reversal”
 - 3) San Nicola to Santa Claus
- ▶ Revelation 12:1-7a
- ▶ Christmas is _ _ _ _

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

- ▶ One who will _____ (Psalm 2:9)
- ▶ One who will _____ God’s enemies (Isaiah 9:1-7)
- ▶ One who will _____ the work of Satan (1 John 3:8b; 5:19)
- ▶ One who will bring a _____ (Matthew 10:38)

WHERE DID ALL THESE ANGELS COME FROM?

- ▶ Matthew 2; Luke 1-2
- ▶ Fact: There were at least 9 angelic interventions around the time of the birth of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Question: Why all this avalanche of angelic activity?
- ▶ Answer: They came on assignment from God to _____ the _____ little Christmas _____.

WHAT DID THE MAGI WANT? (Matthew 2:1-2)

- ▶ Jewish contact with people from the East (Numbers 24:15-19)
- ▶ Magi – A special “cast” of people; government advisers; specialists in dreams & astrology
- ▶ The Parthians – Rome’s most _____
- ▶ Answer: They were seeking a powerful political ally to help them _____ the _____

IS THIS _____ STILL GOING ON?

- ▶ Genesis 3:15... *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*
- ▶ 1 John 3:8b... *“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”*
- ▶ Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:25
- ▶ Luke 19:10... *“The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost”*
- ▶ Romans 16:20... *“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet”*
- ▶ APPLICATION #1: Have you made your decision to switch sides of loyalty in this war?
To which army do you belong?
- ▶ APPLICATION #2: Are you living like a good soldier... on the offense and not just the defense?



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