

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 4/4/21
Revelation 12 “The Story Behind the Story”

I. We need to _____ the story behind the story of Easter.

- A. Scene #1: John sees a pregnant _____ (1-2).
- B. Scene #2: John sees an enormous, red _____ (3-6).
- C. Scene #3: John describes an _____ war in heaven (7-9).
- D. Scene #4: John records the reaction of _____ (10-12).
 - 1. God's _____ has come (10).
 - 2. The _____ has been hurled down (10b).
 - 3. The _____ to the dragon's defeat is identified (11).
 - 4. What is gain for heaven will result in pain for the _____ (12).
- E. Scene #5: John records the reaction of the defeated _____ (13-17).

II. We need to _____ the main character in the story behind the story.

- A. He was born as a _____ (5a).
- B. He was caught up to _____ (5b).
- C. He is being worshipped in _____ (10-12).

Make It Personal: Am I responding rightly to the story behind the story?

Community Group Discussion:

1. To appreciate the real meaning of what happened on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, it's important to know the story behind the story, which we're given in Revelation 12. Take time to re-read today's text. What is the story behind the story? Summarize the events of Revelation 12.
2. It's vital to know the story of Jesus as presented in the four gospels. But it's also important to know the story behind the story. Why? What happens if we don't know what we're told in Revelation 12, or if we do know it but neglect it?
3. What encourages you most from Revelation 12?
4. Revelation 12 raises many questions that are hard to answer. Name a few. Why would the Lord give us a passage in His Word that raises so many questions? What's the God-honoring response to such passages?
5. Describe the Jesus we meet in Revelation 12. How can knowing this truth about Jesus help us as we live this week?