

## Just Jesus

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### Today's Scripture • • •

#### Genesis 3:15 NIV

<sup>15</sup> And 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.”

#### Revelation 12:1-12 NIV

**12** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. <sup>4</sup> Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. <sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” <sup>d</sup> And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. <sup>6</sup> The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

<sup>7</sup> Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup> But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

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## Soul Food

### GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

You are encouraged to read verses before and after the selected passages.

**Sunday:** Genesis 3:15 God's answer for our problem foreshadowed.

**Monday:** Revelation 12:1-12 The conflict requiring Christmas.

**Tuesday:** Luke 2:25-35 Simon's prophecy about Jesus.

**Wed:** Matthew 2:1-18 Magi visit, Herod orders all boys under 2 killed.

**Thursday:** Colossians 2:9-15 Because of the cross, our legal indebtedness is paid.

**Friday:** John 8:42-47 Satan is the father of lies.

**Saturday:** Mark 8:34-38 *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.* Jesus

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### Sermon Notes



Genesis 3:15 & Revelation 12:1-12

Big Idea: Without Jesus there is no victory over evil.





# Putting the Bible into Practice

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

James 1:22 (NIV)

Genesis 3 shows us that sin separates us from God. It also shows us that God has a plan that will be revealed over time. It is because of the sin problem that Christ must come. Only He will be able to deal with it. It will cost Him his life blood being spilled.

Spiritual warfare is part of the Christmas story. How do you prepare for this battle in your life? (Take a look at Ephesians 6:10-20).

Why can Satan not destroy the Messiah, claim His territory or condemn the redeemed? (Read through Colossians 1:15-23).



Greek word for fish.

Symbol of Christianity from first century.

Ἰησοῦ	Jesus
χριστοῦ	Christ
θεοῦ	God
υἱοῦ	Son
σωτηρα	Savior

Revelation 12:11 shows us three defenses followers of Jesus have over Satan.

*<sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*

1. Blood of the Lamb (Colossians 2:13-15)
2. Word of their testimony (we must know, say and do God's truth as found in the Bible).
3. Willing to die for Jesus (Mark 8:34-35)

How do you build each of these defenses into your life?

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<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

<sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

### ***Praying God's Word ~***

Genesis 3:15 & Revelation 12:1-12

- Thank God for the early glimpse of His plan to save the world. After suffering there will be victory.
- Thank God that He is greater than Satan.
- Thank God, His resources cannot be defeated.
- Ask God to help you resist Satan and serve Jesus.

*Pray*