

*Christmas 2008: Tough Times Call for Radical Faith*

# ***Christmas: A Call to Remember Jesus' Lordship***

*Revelation 1:11-18, 20 and chapters 2-3*

**Introduction:** This morning we begin a three week Christmas series called *Tough Times Call for Radical Faith*. Before we look at the stories of Jesus' birth, we want to focus on his present resurrected position in heaven in Revelation 1-3. The key message in these three chapters is this: The sovereign power of the resurrected Christ motivates us *and urges us* to live under his Lordship.

## **1. FIRST QUESTION – What is the resurrected Jesus doing right now?**

*Revelation 1:11-18*

- A. His location – Jesus is powerfully active behind the scenes in ministry. 1:11-13a
- B. His character – Two biblical passages provide physical descriptions of Jesus: Isaiah 53:1-2 describes Jesus on earth. Revelation 1:11-18 describes Jesus in heaven.
- C. His command and claim 1:17-18

## **2. SECOND QUESTION – What does the resurrected Jesus want us to be doing right now? *Revelation 2:1 – 3:22***

- A. John's strategy in Revelation 2-3. Revelation 1:11
- B. The Lordship demands of Jesus.

## **3. THIRD QUESTION – What does this mean for us today?**

- A. Lordship area #1: Our minds – We need a fuller picture of Jesus.
- B. Lordship area #2: Our relationships – We must pursue community with a sense of urgency.