

Beware of the Beast

Revelation 13:1-10

Big Idea: Satan is a defeated foe, but he's still thrashing. The Antichrist will rise, but Christ has already won. Don't be deceived—get back on the slide and share Jesus boldly. Weep for the lost, stand in the gap, plant seeds. Today is the day to trust in the Lamb.

Main Points

1. **Satan is already defeated** - Jesus has crushed the serpent's head; we're living in the "thrashing time"
2. **The Antichrist will rise from a spiritual void** - He'll appear as a counterfeit savior during a time of global chaos
3. **Deception will be powerful** - Many will worship the Beast and blaspheme God
4. **Our names can be written in the Lamb's Book of Life** - Salvation is available to all who call on Jesus
5. **We must be active, not passive** - Weeping, praying, and sharing the gospel are our response

Scriptures:

- Revelation 12:15-17
- Genesis 3
- Matthew 24:10-12
- 1 Timothy 4:1
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- Revelation 17:15
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 1 John
- Daniel 7 & 11:36
- Matthew 24:21
- Romans 10:9-10

Opening Question:

Share about a time when you had to stand up for something you believed in, even when it was unpopular or difficult. How did it feel?

Discussion Questions:

What stood out to you most from this passage in Revelation 13? Why?

How does the image of the "thrashing snake" help you understand spiritual warfare today? (Refer to the missionary story from the sermon)

The sermon described the Antichrist as a counterfeit Christ. What are some specific ways the Beast mimics Jesus according to the passage?

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. How does Paul's description complement what we read in Revelation 13?

Pastor Tim mentioned that blasphemy isn't just with our words, but with how we live. How might Christians today blaspheme God through their actions rather than words?

The sermon asked: "When was the last time you shared the gospel?" How comfortable are you talking about Jesus with others? What holds you back?

Parker went back up the slide to share Jesus even after being called stupid. Have you ever been mocked or dismissed for your faith? How did you respond?

Do you ever find yourself thinking "que sera, sera" (whatever will be, will be) about end times prophecy? Why is that an inadequate response for believers?

Pastor Tim gave four responses to coming judgment: 1. Weep for people without Christ, 2. Stand in the gap (intercessory prayer), 3. Plant the seed (share the gospel), 4. Be boldly persistent in faith. Which of these comes most naturally to you? Which is most challenging?

Who is one specific person in your life who doesn't know Jesus that you can commit to praying for this week?

The sermon mentioned a spiritual void that the Antichrist will fill. What spiritual voids do you see in our culture today? How can the church fill those voids with truth instead?

Practical Applications:

1. Weep & Pray - Set aside 15 minutes each day to pray for people you know who don't have a relationship with Christ. Keep a prayer journal specifically for these individuals. Ask God to break your heart for what breaks His.
2. Plant Seeds - Identify one person this week to share your faith with (even if it's just your testimony). Invite someone to church or to this small group. Share a verse or Christian resource on social media
3. Study Deeper - Read Daniel 7-11 to understand more about the prophecies concerning the Antichrist. Compare Christ and Antichrist using the list from the sermon. Study what Scripture says about the Lamb's Book of Life.
4. Get Back on the Slide - If you've been rejected or mocked for your faith, intentionally re-engage with that person or situation. Practice boldness by wearing Christian clothing, having a Bible visible, or bringing up faith in conversation.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Lord, in a world where deception and spiritual darkness are real, help us stay faithful to Jesus, weep for those who don't know Him, and boldly share the hope of the Lamb whose book of life we long to be found in.