



GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Beasts, The Lamb, & Endurance (Rev. 13-14) | February 22, 2026

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Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

CONNECT

When you think about cultural pressure (politics, media, workplace expectations, social norms, etc.) where do you most feel pressure to “go along to get along”?

REVIEW

Have someone read the passage out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

In Revelation 13, John unveils how the defeated dragon wages war against the church through two beasts: corrupted political power and corrupted religious influence. These beasts demand allegiance, imitate God, and deceive the world into false worship. The “mark of the beast” represents loyalty of mind and action to kingdoms that oppose Christ. But in Revelation 14, John lifts our eyes to a better vision - the Lamb standing victorious on Mount Zion with His redeemed people. Though the beasts rage, the Lamb reigns, and believers are called to endurance, discernment, worship, and faithful allegiance to Jesus alone.

LEARN & LIVE

These questions help us grasp the truth of the passage and consider how to live it out.

- Revelation 13:4 says the world “worshiped the dragon” by worshiping the beast. What does this teach us about the spiritual reality behind earthly power?
- In verse 10, John calls for “endurance and faith.” How does that command shape how believers are supposed to respond to persecution or pressure? What makes it difficult to respond that way?
- What is significant about the second beast looking like a lamb but speaking like a dragon? What does that contrast reveal about deception?
- The mark of the beast is placed on the forehead and the hand. How does that imagery connect to allegiance of thought and action?
- In Revelation 13, what are the consequences for those who refuse the mark? What does that tell us about the real cost of faithfulness?
- In Revelation 14:1, the Lamb is standing on Mount Zion. What does the posture of the Lamb communicate in contrast to the raging beasts?
- Revelation 14 describes the redeemed as those who “follow the Lamb wherever he goes.” Based on the sermon, what does following the Lamb look like in a world shaped by beastly power?

GO DEEPER

These questions invite us to slow down and wrestle with what's going on beneath the surface. Use these to go a little deeper or in your Huddle Groups.

- Where are you most tempted to give your allegiance to something other than Christ?
- How can political involvement subtly shift from participation to misplaced hope?
- What are signs that a government or movement is demanding worship rather than just civic engagement?
- How can false teaching today look “Christian” while actually echoing the dragon?
- In what ways does fear make compromise feel reasonable?
- What helps you stay discerning without becoming cynical?
- Where do you need courage to remain faithful right now?
- **How is the Holy Spirit comforting you or challenging you personally from this discussion? How will you respond and what will you do differently this week? Is there anywhere you need help to make that happen?**

PRAY FOR NEEDS in the GROUP

- Some other ways to pray:
 - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word.
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: [Pray for the folks of Redeemer who are headed to South Asia over the next several days.](#)

5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC's and Huddles.

1. **Pray** - Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.
2. **Listen** - Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.
3. **Apply** - Answer honestly. Consider how God's Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.
4. **Confess** - Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.
5. **Encourage** - Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other's hearts and stories.

COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

You can access a helpful commentary for Revelation at:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/revelation/>

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