WHEN KINGDOMS COLLIDE:
Two Beasts & the Mark | Revelation 13
November 15, 2026

Message Summary.
Revelation 13 shows how power, deception, and economic pressure can pull people away from Jesus. The beast's authority is limited, and those who belong to the Lamb are called to endure. Decide how you'll choose Jesus when the moment comes.

Key Scripture Summaries.
Revelation 13:1-10 | The beast from the sea receives authority from the dragon, demands worship, and opposes God's people. John calls believers to endure.
Revelation 13:11-15 | The second beast looks like a lamb and speaks like a dragon. It uses signs and threats to direct worship to the first beast.
Revelation 13:16-18 | The mark connects loyalty to the beast with access to buying and selling. John calls for wisdom.
Revelation 14:1 | Those standing with the Lamb bear His name and His Father's name.
Romans 12:1-2 | We worship God by offering Him our lives and letting Him renew our minds.

Start Talking.
1. When has an offer sounded great until you found out what it would cost?
2. When have you felt pressure to go along with a group? What made it hard to speak up?

Start Thinking.
- Read Revelation 13:1-4 and Matthew 4:8-10. How are power and worship connected?
- Read Revelation 13:5-10. What can the beast take from believers? What does the Lamb's book of life say about who they belong to?
- Compare Revelation 13:11-15 with Daniel 3:13-18. How do signs and threats put pressure on people? What makes the three men's answer so striking?
- Compare Revelation 13:16-18 with 14:1. What do the names in these two scenes tell you about allegiance?
- Read Romans 12:1-2 and Psalm 115:4-8. How does what we trust and worship shape who we become?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Start Sharing.
1. Where do you most feel pressure to trade a conviction for approval, convenience, or financial security?
2. When have you noticed a small compromise becoming a habit? What helped you recognize it?
3. If someone looked at your calendar, spending, and use of your abilities, what would they say matters most to you?
4. What decision will you face this week where following Jesus might cost you? What would faithfulness look like?
5. Who has helped you stay faithful under pressure? How could this group do that for one another this week?

Start Praying.
Jesus, thank You for giving Your life for us and for reigning forever. Give us wisdom when a promise sounds convincing and courage when obedience costs us. Renew our minds, shape what we love, and help us stand beside one another. Strengthen those who face persecution for following You. Amen.

Start Doing.
- Read Revelation 13 this week. Pay attention to what the beasts demand and what it means to belong to the Lamb.
- Complete this sentence: "This week, I'll choose Jesus by …" Name a specific action and when you'll take it.
- Tell someone in the group what you decided. Ask them to pray before that moment and check in with you afterward.