



Bible study for the week starting June 29, 2025

SHARE

The world is full of conspiracy theories; do you have a favorite?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Revelation 13:11-18**. In the past 3 weeks, you've heard about the red dragon and two beasts, and we hear about people worshiping them. How do you have the "wisdom" to know who to worship and who NOT to worship?
2. **Revelation 13:10** says, "Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints." In a way, isn't this the purpose for all of Revelation? Why do we need it, and how do we get it?
3. Read **1 John 4:1-6**. According to these verses, how do you determine whether a "spirit" is from God or not? What's the opposite of Christ in this reading?
4. People over the years have had many theories on who the Antichrist is, and what the mark of the beast is. How do you evaluate (to confirm or debunk) these claims?
5. Read **Luke 9:51-62**. This is the assigned "lectionary" reading for this Sunday, but also illustrates via this story some of the criteria people use when deciding whether or not to follow Jesus. What are some good reasons or bad reasons that stick out?

PRAY

Pray that – having been marked with the cross of Jesus and claimed as His own – the Holy Spirit would keep you in this faith and protect you from all evil influences.



THE SECOND BEAST

Revelation 13:11-18 (1 John 4:1-6; Luke 9:51-62)

June 29, 2025 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

“Here is a call for the ENDURANCE and FAITH of the SAINTS.

–Revelation 13:10

Beast 1: POLITICAL authority Beast 2: a RELIGIOUS angle

“...TEST the SPIRITS...” –1 John 4:1

The way Satan would DESTROY the Christian Church is by destroying her WITNESS to Christ.

Sometimes the negative influences are from the OUTSIDE, and often they are from WITHIN.

The SEAL of God on our foreheads (Rev. 9:4) does not mean a visible, physical mark but a SPIRITUAL one.

“This calls for WISDOM.”

“The evil trinity apes the Holy Trinity, but always FALLS SHORT and FAILS.”

For next Sunday, please read Revelation 14:1-5.