

DAYS 1 & 2 – REVELATION 13:1-4

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2. Describe the beast.
3. How did John combine Daniel's description of four beasts into one? (See Dn 7:2-8)
4. What did the beast receive from the dragon (devil)?
5. Most Fathers of the Church interpret the beast as the antichrist. What do you learn about the antichrist from the following verses?
 - 1 John 2:18-19 _____
 - 1 John 2:22 _____
 - 1 John 4:3 _____
 - 2 John 1:7 _____
6.
 - a. What is the deception of the Antichrist? (See CCC 675)
 - b. We see this deception in the belief that the triumph of good over evil can be accomplished without God through human means such as social revolution; or that man can save himself if he only has enough knowledge. How have you seen this principle in society today?
7. What happened to one head of the beast?
8.
 - a. How was the world affected by the beast?
 - b. What would allow mankind to follow something or someone intrinsically evil? (See CCC 1707)
 - c. How can we combat the ever-present attraction of sin? (See CCC 908, 2520)
9. How did the world treat the dragon and the beast?
10.
 - a. Have you had the attitude "Who can fight against it?" concerning political evils today? **(Personal)**
 - b. How can this attitude be detrimental to society?
 - c. What is a more faith-filled approach?

DAY 3 – REVELATION 13:5-10

11.
 - a. For what does the beast use his mouth?
 - b. Read CCC 2148. What new information do you learn concerning blasphemy?
 - c. How does verse 6 show that blasphemy can also be committed against the saints? (See CCC 2146)
12.
 - a. What do you learn about boasting from James 4:13-17?

b. In what can we boast? (See Jer 9:22-23; 2 Cor 1:12; Gal 6:14)

13. a. What was the beast allowed to do?

b. Why do you think God would allow this? (See CCC 2015)

c. Give examples of empires or governing bodies that have reflected the diabolical power of the beast.

d. How does Ephesians 1:18-22 give hope when facing a manifestation of the beast?

14. According to verse 8, who would refrain from worshiping the beast?

15. From verse 10, what virtues must be exercised to overcome the beast?

DAYS 4 & 5 – REVELATION 13:11-18

16. From where did the second beast come and how is it described?

17. a. What is the second beast called in Revelation 19:20?

b. How does it mimic the prophets/witnesses in chapter 11 of Revelation?

18. a. How did the beast deceive the inhabitants of the earth?

b. Why is it prudent to be cautious of “supernatural” powers and prophecies?

19. a. What is the number of the beast and what does this number represent? (See Symbols Handout)

b. How are the seal of the Lamb and the mark of the beast really outward signs of inner realities?

20. What aspects of the beasts from this week’s verses are comparable to the following aspects of the Lamb?

- The Lamb had horns. _____
- The Lamb receives authority from God. _____
- The Lamb had been slain. _____
- The Lamb rules every tribe, tongue and nation. _____
- The followers are sealed on the foreheads. _____

21. Give examples of ways Satan counterfeits Jesus today.

22. How does Matthew 7:15-20 teach us to recognize the beast?

23. a. According to verse 18, what gift of the Holy Spirit is needed to understand these passages?

b. What do you learn about this gift from the following verses?

- Psalm 37:30-31 _____
- Sirach 1:1 _____
- James 3:17 _____