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Revelation 13:1-10

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

If anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;

if anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Beast Rises from the Sea (1-4)
- II. The Beast's Works Permitted by God (5-8)
- III. The Believers' Response to the Beast (9-10)

Life Group Leader Notes:





•This Sunday we were reminded of the way the apostles anticipated the coming of Christ. How often do we think about his return? Do we honestly hope that he comes in our lifetime? If something is holding us back from longing for his return, consider sharing with the group and praying about it together.

•Can the church be both confused about the return of Christ and consumed with anticipation for it? Why? How can we hold both feelings in tension?

•How can we order our lives as if Christ was to return in our lifetime? What would we want Him to find us busy doing? What is one area we can start re-ordering in anticipation of His return?

•Revelation 13:1-4 reveals more about the unholy trinity and its imitation of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit by deceiving the world. How do we, as Christ followers, ensure that we are not fooled by the false gospel they will preach? How do we know we will not be deceived?

•Verses 9-10 present the church with a gripping instruction. What is God's plan for His church during these times (v.10b)? Is this a passive response? Why not?

