

“How Do We Decide Truth?”

Revelation 13

Intro: Satan is the ultimate imitator. His fall began with his desire to be like God, his method has always been a false gospel, a false religion, sowing errors in belief. “Hath God really said...?” The good news is that his errors are easy to spot when we know where to look.

I. _____ is not a reason to believe. (13:1-7)

- Great _____, power and authority.
- Apparent power over _____. (3)
- Apparent power over _____. (4-7)

II. _____ are not a reason to believe (13:8-10)

- Even if ‘_____’ does. (8)
- Consequences must be _____ (9-10)

III. _____ are not a reason to believe (13:11-15)

- Miracles and _____ work together.
- These miracles cause _____ responses.
 - Idolatry, Satanic _____.

IV. _____ are not a reason to believe (13:16-17)

- God will _____ your _____.
- Satan promises _____.
 - At what cost? – Matthew 16:26

In all of these things, Satan imitates God: miracles, a mark, power, a ‘resurrection’. But God makes it clear, that error is easy to spot – it always carries the mark of _____, rather than the mark of _____.

“There is Joy in God’s Way”

Luke 2:21-38

Intro: In Luke chapter 2, the celebration continues. Begun before Christ was born because of the promises made by the angels, fulfilling prophecies God made over thousands of years. Now, following Christ’s birth, He brings joy through the knowledge of what God will accomplish through His Son.

I. Following God’s _____ brings joy. (21-24)

- _____ by God
- _____ according to the law.
- _____ unto the Lord

II. Christ brings joy through _____ gentiles.(25-32)

- A _____ for the gentiles
- God’s Abrahamic _____
 - Blessing the _____ through Israel.

III. Christ brings joy in _____ Israel. (34-38)

- The _____ of Israel (32)
- The Davidic _____ - promised King!
- Christ will _____ Israel to her rightful place.

There is always joy in doing things God’s way. Sometimes, God’s way involves _____ and _____, but it always results in bringing _____ to our lives.

Revelation

Intro:

- I. Power, strength, death, God.
- II. Numbers, everyone, weighed
- III. Miracles, message, sinful, worship
- IV. Finances, meet, needs, prosperity

Conclusion: man, God.

Luke

Intro:

- I. Word, named, purified, presented.
- II. Blessing, light, covenant, nations.
- III. Redeeming, glory, covenant, restore.

Conclusion: Pain, suffering, joy.