

## Choices & Consequences

Revelation 14:6-13

📖 Matthew 24:3–14 (NIV84) “As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup> “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. <sup>10</sup> At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

### The Choice of **GOD** to keep **SAVING**.

📖 Revelation 14:6–7 (NIV84) “Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup> He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

#### TWO TRUTHS ABOUT THE GOSPEL

1. The Gospel is **eternal in nature**.
2. The Gospel is **universal in scope**.

📖 2 Peter 3:9b (NIV84) “...He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

### The Choice of **MANY** to keep **SINNING**.

📖 Revelation 14:8 (NIV84) “A second angel followed and said, “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

📖 James 4:4 (NIV84) “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”

### The Choice of **MOST** to keep **CONSUMING**.

📖 Revelation 14:9–11 (NIV84) “A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, <sup>10</sup> he, too, will drink of the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of His wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.”

📖 Revelation 13:15–18 (NIV84) “He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. <sup>16</sup> He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man’s number. His number is 666.”

### The Choice of **A FEW** to keep **REFUSING**.

📖 Revelation 14:12–13 (NIV84) “This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God’s commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

📖 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NIV84) “...to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

**Digging Deeper:** In today’s message, is there a promise to trust, a command to obey, a truth to embrace, a warning to heed, or an encouragement to rest in? What did you learn about God, about yourself, or about the world today? Is there one verse or thought that stands out?

