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*“The day will not come  
until the rebellion occurs  
and the man of  
lawlessness is revealed,  
the man doomed to  
destruction.”*  
2 Thessalonians 2:3

## **I. Decline in Respect for Truth – The great falling away of many ( 2 Thess. 2:3)**

- A. Why discuss/study obscure doctrines like this?
- B. We are commanded to watch and pray and discern the “signs of the times” (Matt. 26:41; 24:42-44)
- C. Must drive us to strengthen our discipleship to avoid this “apostasy” which is coming

## **II. Definitions of the Person called the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:3)**

*25 names throughout the scriptures that will be touched on in the weeks ahead*

- A. Man of lawlessness – 2 Thess. 2:3 – one who refuses to submit to laws
- B. Son of destruction – like Judas Iscariot (John 17:12) – one who is totally sold out to evil
- C. Anti-Christ – I John 2:18, 22, 4:3; 2 John 7 –  
Anti = 1) against, and 2) replacement – in place of
- D. The Beast out of the sea Rev. 13:1-4 – ferocious and deadly – a spiritual glimpse at the person

## **III. Description of the True Christ – “Lamb of God” and “Son of God”**

- A. Jesus lived as a perfect person – no sin and no violation of God’s law (2 Cor. 5:21)
- B. He came to demonstrate and fulfill the law of God (John 6:38; Matt. 5:17,18)
- C. Jesus is called “The lamb of God” and “The Son of God”  
(John 1:29, 36; I Pet. 1:18–21; Lk. 1:35; John 19:7)

## **IV. Determining Factor – True resurrection vs. fake one! (Rev. 13:1 - 4)**

- A. As Christians we know that resurrection of Christ is a foundational fact of our faith (I Cor. 15:17)
- B. Did you know that the Antichrist also seems to have a fake resurrection also? (Rev. 13:4)
- C. The point is – you and I and everyone has to make a decision – who is our messiah?
- D. Over the next few weeks we will be exposing the TRUE CHRIST and the false antichrist!