

# Questions About How to Tell Catholic Friends & Family about Their Churches Role in the Mark of the Beast

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**How do I tell a Catholic friend about the Roman Catholic Church being the beast of Revelation 13 and Their Churches Role in the Mark of the Beast?**

## **Answer:**

Telling a Catholic friend that the Roman Catholic Church system is identified in Bible prophecy (Revelation 13) as the “beast” must be done **carefully, prayerfully, and compassionately**. Here’s a respectful, step-by-step approach that emphasizes **love, truth, and humility**, not attack:

### **1. Begin with Love, Not Accusation**

Start by affirming your care for them personally:

“I value our friendship and your faith. What I’m about to share is not against you personally or any Catholic individual—but it’s something I’ve discovered in Bible prophecy that I believe we should all examine together.”

**Key Principle: Separate the people from the system.**

- “There are many sincere, loving, and godly people in the Catholic Church.”
- “This is about a *system* described in prophecy—not individuals.”

### **2. Start With the Bible, Not History Books**

Don’t begin with accusations. Instead, study **Revelation 13** and **Daniel 7** together. Ask:

“Would you be willing to study what the Bible says about the beast and the mark?”

Then guide the conversation this way:

- Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 both describe the rise of a powerful religious-political system.

- The “little horn” in Daniel 7 and the “beast” in Revelation 13 have the same identifying marks:

- Speaks blasphemies (claims to forgive sin, claims to be God)
- Persecutes the saints
- Rules for 1,260 years (538–1798 AD)
- Has a deadly wound that heals
- The world follows it (Revelation 13:3)

Ask: “**Who does this sound like in history?**”

Let **Scripture and history** speak.

### 3. Explain the Historical Protestant View

Tell them gently:

“The early Reformers—Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, and many others—recognized these prophecies pointed to the papal system. Not to hate Catholics, but to warn the world.”

You can share that **Seventh-day Adventists** continue this Protestant understanding and believe that God is calling people out of spiritual confusion into deeper truth.

### 4. Explain the Mark of the Beast as Future

Reassure them:

“No one has the mark of the beast right now.”

Explain:

- The **mark** is about **worship and authority**.
- God’s sign is the **Sabbath** (Exodus 20:8–11; Ezekiel 20:12).
- The **beast’s mark** is a counterfeit—**Sunday**, enforced by law, which the Catholic Church claims as its sign of authority.

Quote from Catholic sources:

*“Sunday is our mark of authority... the church is above the Bible, and this transference of sabbath observance is proof of that fact.” – Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923*

### 5. Call to Follow Jesus More Fully

Focus on **Jesus**, not Catholicism:

“Jesus said, ‘If you love Me, keep My commandments’ (John 14:15). This is about loyalty to Jesus—not a church.”

Invite them to:

- Study prophecy deeply
- Pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance
- Ask God, “What is truth?”

#### **Optional Resources You Can Share:**

- “The Great Controversy” by Ellen G. White
- Free online studies: [amazingfacts.org](http://amazingfacts.org), [bibleprophecytruth.com](http://bibleprophecytruth.com)
- Short YouTube videos: “Mark of the Beast in Bible Prophecy” (from trusted, Bible-based channels)

#### **Final Words**

“Sharing this message is never about superiority—it’s about sincerity. I care too much about your eternity not to share what I believe is truth from God’s Word.”

And remember:

- Be **patient**, not pushy.
- Be **prayerful**, not prideful.
- Be **gentle**, not judgmental.