



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed

Sermon Title: Who is Worthy?

Scripture: Revelation 5:1-14

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INTRODUCTION

Revelation 4:8 and Revelation 4:11

I. BEHOLD THE LION! BEHOLD THE LAMB!

Revelation 5:1-2 -

1) Whatever this scroll is, it is **FULL**, it is **COMPLETE**, with writing on the front and back!

Note: This scroll outlines and activates God's plan to accomplish justice, to make all things new, to further reveal/magnify His character and nature, and to unveil the full glory of Christ's Kingdom!

Revelation 5:3-5 -

2) The Worthy One is the fulfillment of God's "royal promise" to Judah (to all of Israel) through the line of King David.

Genesis 49:8-10 and Matthew 22:41-46

Revelation 5:6-7 -

3) In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called a "lion" only **ONE TIME** (and we just saw it in verse 5), **BUT** Jesus is referred to as "the Lamb" about **29** times!

Note: "Horns" represent strength, power, and might, and the Lamb has "seven horns", meaning full power, complete might, and perfect strength. The "seven eyes" are said to be "*the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth*". This is a reference to the fullness of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus sent to live in His people and to testify of His saving work!

Revelation 5:8 -

4) The creation and the redeemed **FALL IN WORSHIP** before Christ, just like they fell in worship before the Father on His throne in chapter 4!

Note: HARPS are instruments of praise and worship, and, here, Jesus is eagerly worshipped! PRAYER is also an act of worship and, here, the redeemed gladly bring all their prayers to Jesus because He is the one *through whom* we pray, and He is ultimately *the answer* to all of our prayers.

Note: If anything, these verses should heighten our desire for and appreciation of prayer!

Revelation 5:9-13 -

5) Chapter 5 ends with three songs that **grow** in their scope and magnitude!

Song #1 (verses 9-10) worships the Lamb for what He has accomplished; it is sung by the Four Living Creatures and the Twenty-Four Elders.

Song #2 (verses 11-12) emphasizes what the Lamb deserves because of what He has accomplished; it is sung by literally ALL of heaven, countless angels join in!

Song #3 (verse 13) directs praise to BOTH the Father on His throne AND to the victorious Lamb; it is sung by the entire cosmos, everyone and everything acknowledging the worthiness of God!

Philippians 2:10

Revelation 5:14 -

6) **Say** what the four living creatures say, and **do** what the twenty-four elders do.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How are chapters 4 and 5 similar? How are they different?
2. What is this "scroll" that is in the right hand of the One on the throne? Why is it important?
3. Why does John weep when no one is found worthy to open the scroll?
4. What is significant about the way that Jesus is described in verses 5 and 6?
5. What's the deal with the closing three songs? How are they similar? How are they different?