

Jesus is Worthy

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Main Passage: Revelation 5:1-14

Theological Theme

Christ, the sacrificed Lamb, is worthy.

Introduction

- ? What does it mean to deem someone worthy of a certain role or task?
- ? What have you learned in our study of Revelation so far?

1. Who is Worthy? (Revelation 5:1-4)

Chapter 5 of Revelation opens directly after the passage we studied last week. John saw the heavenly throne room and observed God being worshiped by every creature. In today's passage, we'll see the attention in the throne room shift. John saw a sealed scroll in God the Father's right hand. The "right hand" (v. 1) here signifies God's authority and power.

- ? Describe what John saw and how he responded in these verses.
- ? What might it mean about this scroll that it was sealed with the perfect number of witnesses?
- ? What about this problem might have led John to weep? How would you assess your own desire to know the things of God?

2. The Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:5-7)

John wept because "no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it" (v. 4). But he was comforted by one of the elders in the throne room (Revelation 4:10). The elder told John not to weep because there was someone who could open the scroll and its seals.

- ? What stands out in these verses? What is significant about the description of Jesus?

❓ What do these descriptions of Jesus remind us about His identity? Why is it important we recall these truths often?

❓ How has Christ revealed God's perfect will to us?

3. Worthy is the Lamb (Revelation 5:8-14)

When Christ took the scroll, the living creatures and the elders in the throne room fell down in worship before Him. In verse 8, we read of golden bowls filled with the prayers of believers. This is a reminder our prayers are real and valuable to God (they are represented as filling golden bowls). And the word translated "saints" here isn't exclusive. It is for all believers. Paul used the same word in Romans 1:7.

❓ How did those surrounding the throne respond when Jesus took the throne? What does this indicate about Him?

❓ How can this picture shape the way we view the value of prayer?

❓ What does the worthiness of Jesus indicate about how we should respond to Him every day?

Conclusion

The Book of Revelation is rich with imagery that is often hard for the uninitiated reader to interact. However, most of these difficult texts are about one basic concept—for Revelation 5, it is worship. Everyone worships something—that's how we were designed. But in our sinfulness, we often choose to worship things like spouses, success, or even sports teams. The throne room of God is the ultimate expression of worship. It is in the throne room that all bow before Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

❓ It is one thing to understand that Christ is worthy of our praise and devotion, and another to live like it. Does your life currently reflect a heart posture turned toward Jesus? How can you grow in this?

❓ What is the value of growing together as worshipers of God in daily life?

❓ Who can you share with about the worthiness of Christ this week?