



Worthy is the Lion
Why you need to see Jesus
as the Lion

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LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Revelation 5:1-5 ESV

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

The future has already been written by God: It just needs to be unrolled. (5)

Ecclesiastes 8:7-8 Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come? No man has power over the wind to contain it; so no one has power over the day of his death.

No being is worthy to direct the end times except Jesus Christ. (2-3)

(See the gospel accounts of Jesus miracles.)

Weep no more. Jesus has conquered. (4-5)

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us.

Application: The One who controls the events of time is quite capable of managing the events of your life. What is preventing you from trusting Jesus with your life?

- Pride
- Fear
- Unbelief
- Apathy
- Other _____

Read Revelation 4:1-5:5

Recall Summarize the vision that John saw in Rev. 4

Understand

Who is sitting on the throne on heaven?
 What is significant about His "right hand?"
 Authority- Compare Matt 28:18

What is significant about a sealed scroll in God's right hand?

While Roman wills were sealed up with seven seals, this scroll is not a will but a deed or contract. It is the title-deed to the earth.

Who owns the earth and everything in it? (Psalm 24)

According to Dr. Robert Thomas, "This kind of contract was known all over the Middle East in ancient times and was used by the Romans from the time of Nero on. The full contract would be written on the inner pages and sealed with seven seals. Then the content of the contract would be described on the outside. All kinds of transactions would be consummated in this way, including marriage contracts, rental and lease agreements, release of slaves, contract bills and bonds. Support also comes from the Hebrew practices. The Hebrew document most closely resembling this scroll was a title-deed that was folded and signed, requiring at least three witnesses. A portion of text would be written, folded over and sealed, with a different witness signing at each fold. A larger number of witnesses meant that more importance was assigned to the document (cf. John MacArthur, Revelation, 163) See Jeremiah 32:2, 24-25.

Note: The seals represent judgment according to Rev. 6

Why did John weep and weep? 5:2-4. Why is this so upsetting?

Note the word weep (klaio) is the same word used to describe Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem (Lk 19:41) and Peter's (Lk 22:62).

How do you think John's response relates to 4:1, 8, and 11?

Why were John's tears premature? 5:5

Who is the Lion of Judah and Root of David?

Gen. 49:8-10; Heb. 7:14 Why do you think God uses the word picture of Lion to describe Jesus' judgment? Contrast 1 Pet 5:8

Why is He worthy to open the scroll? How has He triumphed?

So What? How does the fact that Jesus Christ is the Worthy, Authoritative Lion change your view of Him and your behavior?