

**"Worthy is the (Lion and) Lamb!"
(Revelation 5:1-14)**

Today's text brings the focus of all worship of all creation upon the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ! In Revelation 5 we have the amazing privilege of joining the apostle John in. . .

I. The SEARCH for The Lamb (1-4)

- **Reason** for the Search (1-2)
"Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"
- **Result** of the Search (3-4)
"And I wept much, because no man was found worthy"

II. The APPEARANCE of The Lamb (5-7)

- His **Sudden Appearance** (5-6)
"behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David...a Lamb"
(Gen 49:8-10; Jer 23:5-6; Rev 22:16; Mt 22:41-46)
- His **Striking Action** (7) See Dan 7:13-14
"he came and took the book out of the right hand of him...upon the throne"

III. The WORSHIP of The Lamb (8-14)

- **With a New Song (8-10)**
 - *A **WORSHIP** Song – *"Thou art worthy"*
 - *A **GOSPEL** Song – *"thou was slain & redeemed us to God"*
 - *A **MISSIONARY** Song – *"every kindred, tongue, people, & nation"*
 - *A **DEVOTIONAL** Song- *"made us kings & priests unto our God"*
 - *A **VICTORIOUS** Song – *"We shall reign on the earth!"*
- **With Numerous Singers (11-14)**
"and I heard the voice of many angels...and every creature..."
(Ps 69:34; 150:6; Rom 8:18-23)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Revelation 5 shows the singing of praises in Heaven. Share a favorite hymn and/or current praise song and why it is meaningful to you?

1. Share something from Sunday's study that spoke to you personally – a challenge? an encouragement? a good reminder?
2. Read Rev 5:1-4. What do you think John was feeling and thinking as he "wept much" in the throne room of Heaven? Share something that gives you a heavy heart as you await the Lord's return.
3. Why is Jesus the ONLY One worthy in the entire universe to open the scroll? Explain how Jesus is both the Lion and the Lamb. How should this truth affect our daily lives?
4. What are some of the important truths in the "new song" the 24 elders sing in Rev 5:9-10? Which phrase in these two verses is the most meaningful to you? Why?

Digging Deeper

1. 28 of the 31 New Testament occurrences of the word "lamb" are in the book of Revelation! Do a concordance search to find these, and jot down a brief observation about each one.
2. Jesus is called a lamb only once in the Old Testament – Is 53:7, and only 4 times outside of Revelation in the New Testament – Jn 1:29, 36; Acts 8:32; and 1 Pet 1:19. What do each of these teach us about Jesus?
3. The 24 elders praise song to Jesus is called a "new song." Review the other references to a "new song" in Ps 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; and Is 42:10. Recommit to always carry a praise song to Him in your heart!
4. Observe the 7-fold praise of Jesus in Rev 5:12. Jot down a reason for each as to why Jesus is worthy of these. Take a few moments and praise Him for each of these!