

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for April 11, 2021

## Sermon Notes

### Worthy is the Lamb Who Was Slain

Revelation 5

**Worthy:** wor·thy / 'wər-thē: *having worth or value; honorable, meritorious; having sufficient worth or importance.* (Webster's)

The key word in Revelation 5 is “worthy”. “*Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?*” is the question that echoes through the halls of heaven. God has in his right hand a scroll sealed with seven seals. This scroll symbolizes God’s plan, His purpose for the entire universe for all creatures for all time. That scroll must be opened for God’s purposes to be accomplished and for sinners like you and me to be redeemed from our lostness. John weeps because he realizes that there will be no salvation for God’s people, no restoration of God’s creation, and no hope for the human race unless someone can accomplish the purposes of God and fulfill His promises.

But there is one who is worthy! The answer to the angel’s question, and the answer to our greatest need, is “*the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David*”, who “*has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.*” (Rev 5:5) Jesus is the one who has conquered and overcome, “not because he mauled his opponents but because he gave his life for sinners. He triumphs through suffering and death instead of through the destruction of his opponents with overwhelming force.” (Schreiner) But as we will see in the following chapters, those opponents will be held to account for their rejection of God and His Christ.

As the risen one, Jesus stands triumphant as the slain Lamb. His death and resurrection are the linchpin for all of human history. The Lamb who was slain, the Lord Jesus Christ, is worthy to govern God’s plan and is worthy of the same worship and praise as God the Father.

The Sealed Scroll: Who is Worthy to Execute God’s Eternal Plan? (vv 1-4)

The Strong Savior: The Lion and the Lamb Conquered through Sacrifice. He is Worthy! (vv 5-7)

The Spontaneous Song: Worthy Is the Lamb Who Was Slain and Now Stands! (vv8-14)

Applications:

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## Weekly Discipleship Guide

### Know

**What does God intend for me to know?  
In your journal, use the following prompts to write  
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

### Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?  
In your journal, use the following questions to write  
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

### Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life?  
In your journal, write your answers and thoughts  
in response to the following questions.**

If someone asked you what it means that Jesus is worthy, what would you say in response?  
How could this current passage help you?

How should a growing awareness of the worthiness of Jesus affect our attitudes toward the situations in this life? What affect should the reality of this scroll and what it contains have?

How should the worthiness of Jesus change the way we make decisions about our lives and our family's lives? How should that difference stand out to the world around us?

*\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.*

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