

“A Scroll, the Lion, and the Lamb”  
Revelation 5:1-14

Intro: After appearing to the Apostle John in majestic glory in Revelation 1:13-16, Jesus invites John to an open door in heaven to see the throne (4:1) before slipping behind the scenes to dramatically reappear in Revelation chapter 5.

I. The Problematic Scroll

- a. How does this compare to the scroll in Ezekiel 2-3?
- b. Why is no one able to open it?
- c. Why is John so upset?

II. The Lion of Judah

- a. The blessing and prophecy in Genesis 49:8-12
- b. Other Old Testament references to the Lord as a lion
- c. Where is the triumphant Lion on the throne?

III. The Lamb Who Was Slain

- a. Slain and yet standing; “I was dead and...am alive!”
- b. Triumphed through torment; conquered via the Cross
- c. Worthy because of His sacrifice...for us

IV. The Circles of Praise

- a. They sang a new song
- b. Myriads and myriads of angels
- c. Every creature in heaven and on earth...

Close: Jesus is worthy to open the scroll because he is the perfect Lamb of God who laid down his life for sinners. Not only is he worthy to open it, but he is also uniquely qualified to execute what it says.