Revelation 5:1-5

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

Day 1

Read Revelation 5:1-5.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

I saw

in the right hand of Him who sat

on the throne a book

written

inside and

on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming

with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?"

³ And no one

in heaven

or on the earth

or

under the earth was able

to open the book

or

to look into it.

⁴ Then I *began* to <u>weep</u> greatly

because no one was found worthy

to open the book or to look into it;

⁵ and one of the elders <u>said</u> to me,

"Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah,

the Root of David,

has overcome

so as to open the book

and its seven seals."

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- 1. Who is the one sitting on the throne? Look back at chapter 4 and list some descriptors.
- 2. Where does this scene take place?
- 3. What is in the right hand of the one on the throne?
- 4. What is the significance of the book being in the right hand?

- 5. What is the description of the book?
- 6. What is the identity and significance of this book?

- 7. What is the description of the angel in verse 2?
- 8. What does the angel proclaim?

Day 2

Read Revelation 5:1-5 again.

- 9. What does it mean to be worthy?
- 10. In what three locations is no one worthy to be found? What realm is left out of this list?
- 11. What is revealed about the state of humanity in no one worthy being found in any created realm?

12. What is John's reaction to no one worthy being found?

13. Why do you think John weeps greatly at no one being found?

- 14. Who speaks to John in verse 5?
- 15. What does the elder command?

Day 3

Read Revelation 5:1-5 again.

- 16. Why is John to stop weeping?
- 17. Consider Exodus 20:4, and Deut. 5:8. How does these passages emphasize God's worthiness alone and add further clarity to Revelation 5:1-5?
- 18. What is the significance of the title "The Lion that is from the tribe of Judah?" Read Genesis 49:8-12.
- 19. What is the significance of the title "The Root of David?" Read Isaiah 11:1 and Jeremiah 23:5.
- 20. What has this one who is referenced by the elder done?
- 21. What is the result of the overcoming?
- 22. What is referenced by overcoming?

In preparation for Sunday, pray you would see Christ as worthy. Pray you would worship Christ for his worthiness. Pray the Lord would expose ways you do not see Christ as worthy to repent.