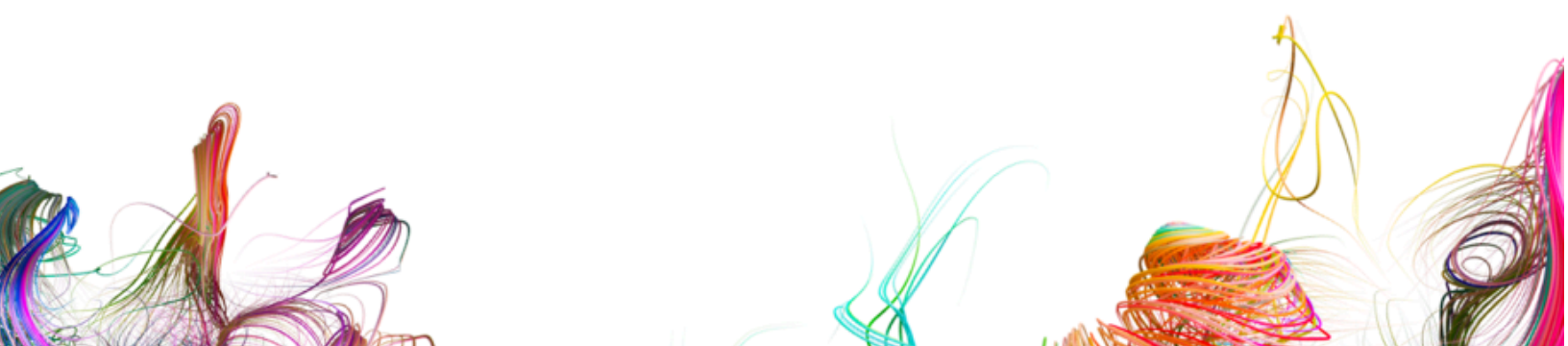




REVELATION

FINDING PEACE IN A
WORLD OF CHAOS



Week 10: The One Who Is Worthy

Date: Week of 3/17/24

Scripture: Revelation 5:1-14

Bridgebuilder Opening

1. Describe a time when you saw a need but were utterly helpless. How did that make you feel? What did you do in that situation?

Observations and Interpretations

1. Read Revelation 5 and circle or highlight any words that stand out to you. What are some of your observations from this initial reading of the text?
2. The most common interpretation is that the scroll is the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 13:8). What do you know about ancient legal documents? What interesting things do you notice about the scroll?
3. What do you think of John's response to the angel's invitation? Why does he respond so strongly?
4. *Read Genesis 49:9-10 and Isaiah 11:1-2.* Look at Revelation 5:5 and 6a. What is the significance of the lion imagery, and how does that compare/contrast with the lamb imagery?

Study note: The seven horns with eyes likely represent the Spirit (Zech 3:9, 4:6) and seven lamps (Rev. 4:5). They reveal the identity of Jesus as the one true God who is sovereign and watches over His people. It is also significant that Jesus' location is not just near the throne but in the midst of the throne, sharing in the Father's supreme reign.

5. This quickly becomes a powerful worship service. For Jewish readers, it would have been astounding that the worship and prayers of those around the throne went to the Lamb himself. Why? What do the *prayers of the saints* most likely refer to? (see Rev. 6:10, 8:4-6)

6. What is unique about the chorus in verses 9 & 10? (See *Daniel 7:14*)
7. Similar to 4, this chapter is another grand depiction of worship, but this time specifically of the Savior. What is the main thing John tries to teach us in these verses? (final question)

Applications

1. One theme presented in this text is the Suffering Servant as the Savior for *all* people. That concept can be extremely comforting to those who are suffering and feel helpless, while it can feel irrelevant when we live comfortably. How can we identify more with John's despair in verse 4 and combat being hardened by our comforts?
2. This year our church is focusing on helping bring *peace* into our lives and city. How can this text help give you *peace*, as you live in a world of chaos?
3. How have the past two weeks' studies given you a different perspective on worship? What are some patterns or habits that you need to change to practice the discipline of worship?
4. In one sentence, state one thing the Lord wants you to take away from this study?

The Gospel and Prayer

Jesus, you are worthy! Thank you for giving your life as the perfect sacrifice to completely satisfy the wrath of God and earn our inheritance in Heaven. We want our lives to reflect and mimic the song of the ten thousands, "*Blessing and honor and glory and power be to the one seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!*" Soften our hearts to our need for you and give us an increasing burden for those who need to receive the Gospel.