



## The Revelation of Jesus as Lion and Lamb

**Introduction:** After receiving the messages to deliver to the seven churches, John is called up to the throne room of Heaven. It is at this moment that John is brought into the holy of holies in heaven before the presence of God. There he sees the splendor and majesty of God the Father, Son, and Spirit.

**Text:** Revelation 5

### Discussion:

1. Let's pretend for a moment. What animal most describes you? Why? What are the traits of that animal that describes you? Write/Discuss
2. Why does John begin to weep in chapter 5?
3. What is the significance of the scroll? Why is it written on both sides? Why is it sealed with 7 seals?
4. Where do the angels search for someone worthy to open the scroll? What does this say about finding our hope in man?
5. Who was found worthy to open the scroll? What does this say about where our hope should be placed? How can you use this as a witnessing opportunity?
6. Why is John told that the lion has conquered—when he sees a lamb? What is the significance of these two animals? Look up and list references in the OT concerning these two animals as referring to Jesus. Look up the NT references where Jesus is referred to as “lamb.”
7. The world attempts to conquer in the form of the lion with force and might; yet Jesus conformed as a slaughtered lamb. Jesus' ways are different than man's. The world will spill the blood of man, but Jesus spilled his own blood for man. Discuss/Write about the power of the Lamb of God.
8. Jesus is not worried about the future. He does not look at the Dow Jones to see if all is well in the world. He holds the future in His hand. How does this make you feel? Why? How can this be an encouragement to you and a witnessing opportunity?
9. The prayers of the Saints are the aroma before the throne of God. How does this impact your view of prayer?
10. The gospel is global. How do we know this from Revelation 5?
11. Revelation 4—God is worshiped as creator. Revelation 5—Jesus is worshiped as redeemer. Find the scripture proof for both of these truths.
12. Salvation is found only in Jesus. We do not have the authority to enter heaven through our own good works. What is the danger in comparing your life with others? Why should you only compare yourself to Jesus?

### Think About it:

The world has its way; and God has His way. Through the ages men and women have lied, cheated, killed, and destroyed for power. The world seeks might by the strength of the fist. Jesus showed his might by the sacrifice of his life. Jesus roared as a lion through the mouth of a lamb. He did not gain the victory through killing his enemies, but by dying for them. How amazing is our God?

### Moving Forward:

Take time each day to read Revelation 5. Allow the incense of your prayers to be released in Heaven. Take all of your cares before Him and trust Him. He holds the future in His hand, so do not worry. Pray that the gospel will continue to spread around the world. Ask God to help you see the opportunities to share about our hope in Jesus. As we enter into this Advent season, make sure that your view of God is centered around the Bible. Because Jesus has come, and IS coming, we have hope. Who do you know that needs to hear the words of hope in Christ? Share His hope!

**Advent Family Action:** Each member of the family share a word that describes Jesus best to them. Pray as a family praising Jesus for His power and strength.