

1. Since God knew that his son, the Lamb, could and would open the scroll in his hand, why did he put John through the misery of thinking that no one was worthy to do so?
2. What did the suspense in Johns' vision and his own sorrow reveal about the importance of the scroll? What did it reveal about the worthiness of Jesus?
3. What profound truth of the gospel is expressed in the seemingly opposite titles of Christ in this chapter: Lion of Judah and slain Lamb?
4. How did the Lion "conquer?" Why is this good news for you?
5. What did the Lamb's seven horns and seven eyes reveal about him?
6. How would these attributes of Christ be of encouragement to the seven churches of Asia in their situations?
7. How should your own meditation on these attributes of Jesus affect your own response to trial and temptation?

## Answers:

1. John needed to understand that no one on earth was worthy to open the scroll
2. On the sealed scroll were words that the church needed to hear, words that told God's plan to rescue his people and defeat their enemies. Jesus alone is worthy to rescue God's people and defeat God's enemy
3. The Lion has indeed accomplished the victory and therefore is worthy to open the scroll. But it is also true that the Lion has conquered specifically by suffering as the sacrificial Lamb.
4. The Lion's triumph is his redemptive death as the Lamb. By Jesus' death he "destroyed the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14)
5. The seven horns of the Lamb symbolized his almighty power; and the seven eyes symbolized his infinite wisdom and knowledge of affairs throughout the earth.
6. The almighty power and infinite wisdom of God will bring all things to a final completion to work out his purposes on earth and to completely rescue his people from the power of death and Satan.
7. Answers will vary