

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Worthy of All Worship

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What is at the centre of your life? What gets your devotion and attention more than anything else?

C.S. Lewis "Put first things first and you get second things thrown in. Put second things first and you lose both first and second things."

Revelation 5:1-3 (NLT) Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?"³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.

- **Who is worthy to be at the centre of everything?**

Revelation 5:4-5 (NLT) Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. ⁵ But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals."

- **Only Jesus as the Lion of Judah and the Messiah is worthy.**

Genesis 49:9-10 (NLT) "Judah, my son, is a young lion that has finished eating its prey...The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honour."

Colossians 1:15-20

Colossians 2:13-15

- **Only Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb is worthy.**

Revelation 5:6-8 (NLT) Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. ⁷ He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. ⁸ And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

John 1:29 (ESV) "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Revelation 5:9-10 (NLT) And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:11-14 (NLT) Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. ¹² And they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—to receive **power** and **riches** and **wisdom** and **strength** and **honour** and **glory** and **blessing**." ¹³ And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." ¹⁴ And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

Big Idea: Worship Jesus Christ as the Lion & the Lamb.

Centre your devotion on Jesus Christ as the True King & the Only Saviour.

- **Centre your devotion on Christ as your first priority.**

- **Worship Christ as both your Saviour and your King.**



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- 7) Why is Jesus worthy of all our devotion and worship?
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