Message: *"The Book of Revelation Week 4: Worthy to Worship"* **Scripture:** Revelation 5:1-14

THE SCROLL: JUDGMENT AND AUTHORITY ON EARTH

"Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals." Revelation 5:1

"And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside." Revelation 5:2-4

"Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."" Revelation 5:5 (NRSV)

WHY IS THE LAMB WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL AND ITS 7 SEALS?

1. HE IS WORTHY BECAUSE HE WAS SLAIN.

"And they sing a new song, saying, 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals; because You were slain."" Revelation 5:9

2. HE IS WORTHY BECAUSE HE GAVE HIS LIFE AS A <u>RANSOM</u>.

"...and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9b

3. HE IS WORTHY BECAUSE HE HAS TRIUMPHED.

"Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."" Revelation 5:5 (NRSV)

"Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders." Revelation 5:11

"And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people." Revelation 5:8

"Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever.' The four living creatures said, 'Amen.' And the elders fell down and worshiped." Revelation 5:13-14