

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP



Revelation 4-5

John was on the island of Patmos when he had a vision. Jesus appeared to John and showed him what will happen before the end of time. In the book of Revelation, John wrote about what he saw.

John saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. The One seated looked like fiery red stones. A rainbow like an emerald surrounded the throne. He saw 24 other thrones around the throne, and 24 elders sat on the thrones. Each elder wore a gold crown.

John saw four living creatures around the throne. "The first creature was like a lion; the second creature was like an ox; the third creature had a face like a man; and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. Each creature had six wings. All day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming."

John saw the creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One on the throne. He saw the elders fall down and worship, throwing their crowns before the throne. They say to God: "You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have created all things."

Then John saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. A mighty angel asked, "Who is worthy to open the scroll?"

No one in heaven was worthy. No one on earth was worthy. No one under the earth was worthy either. John began to cry loudly because no one was worthy! At last, one of the elders said, "Look! The Lion of Judah is able to open the scroll. He is worthy!"

Then John saw someone standing near the throne. He was like a slaughtered lamb. He took the scroll, and the elders and living creatures fell down before Jesus, the Lamb. They worshiped Him and sang a new song.

John heard thousands and thousands of angels around the throne. They said in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

John heard every creature everywhere—in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and on the sea—worshiping the Lamb together.



Big Picture Question:

What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.



Christ Connection:

John cried when he saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll. Then John saw the resurrected Lamb—God's Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.