

LOOK! A LAMB!

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Standing In The Fire, part 12

Things are not as they seem.

Revelation 5:1-14

“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” (5:2)

“The center of the Christian vision of reality.”

“Stop weeping. Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” (5:5)

Lion

*“Judah is a lion’s cub—he crouches down like a lion... who dares to rouse him?” **Gen. 49:9-10***

*“And as for the lion whom you saw rousing out of the forest and roaring and speaking to the eagle and reproving him for his unrighteousness... This is the Messiah whom the Most High has kept until the end of the day, who will arise from the prosperity of David.” **2 Esdras 12:3***

Root of David

*“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.” **Isaiah 11:1-10***

“I turned and I saw a lamb as if slaughtered.” (5:6)

LAMB

***amnos**, an adult sheep*

*“Look, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” **John 1:29***

***arnion**, a little lamb*

God’s Lamb wins by dying.

In the middle of the throne.

“You are worthy... with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” (5:9-10)

Exodus 12:1-14 ransomed by the Lambs blood.

Scores of angelic beings

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (5:12)

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and power forever and ever!” (5:13)

1. **At the center of reality is** _____.

*“He was despised and rejected by people—a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering.” **Isaiah 53:3** GWN*

2. **At the center of reality is** _____.

*“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” **Isaiah 53:6***

3. **We work** _____, **not toward it.** (Lk. 11:22; Jn. 16:33)

4. **The way to the fullness of life is the** _____.

*“The only lion in heaven is in fact a lamb.” **Gordon Fee***

*“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” **Lk. 9:23** NLT*

Telemachus

“In the name of Christ, forbear.”

“they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.” (12:11 ESV)

BIG IDEA: The Lamb of God is at the center of everything. As we orient ourselves to him and his way, we will find his kind of fullness and victory.