

Sermon Guide - Sunday, September 13, 2026

Current Series: The Revelation

The Antichrist. Armageddon. The Beast. 666. For centuries, the book of Revelation has fascinated, frightened, and confused Christians, but what if we've been so focused on decoding its mysteries that we've missed its main message? *The Revelation* is a 3-month journey through the Bible's final book, exploring its controversial prophecies, warnings to the Church, and breathtaking vision of the future. Along the way, we'll separate Scripture from speculation and discover that Revelation wasn't written just to make us afraid of what's coming. It was written to reveal **Jesus Christ** - the King who reigns over all other powers, the Lamb who conquers evil, and the Savior who promises that pain, death, and darkness won't have the last word. **The future belongs to Jesus, and that should change how we live right now.**

Today's Message: Part 5 - The Lion and the Lamb

What is one idea or theme that we've covered thus far in Revelation that stood out to you or surprised you?

Revelation 5:1-4 - 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. 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.

What can we surmise about this scroll?

Why do you think John was distraught to the point of tears?

THE LION OF JUDAH, THE ROOT OF DAVID

Revelation 5:5 - 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."

What is the significance of the title "the Lion of Judah"?

Genesis 49:9-10 - You are a lion's cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crunches and lies down, like a lioness - who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

How does this ancient prophecy point specifically to Jesus - as opposed to some other great king?

What about the reference to "the Root of David"? How is that significant, and how did it point to Jesus specifically?

Isaiah 11:1-2, 10 - A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord... In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

THE LAMB THAT HAS BEEN SLAIN

Revelation 5:6-7 - Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

If Jesus is the Lion, who is this Lamb? How do we make sense of this apparent paradox?

What is unusual about this Lamb? Why do those odd features signify?

THE SAINTS AND ANGELS RESPOND

Revelation 5:8-10 - 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. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and 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."

How did the others in Heaven respond when the Lamb took the scroll? Why?

What is the meaning of the bowls full of incense? What does it say about the power of prayer?

Revelation 5:11-14 - 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. In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

After seeing the four living creatures and twenty-four elders worship the Lamb, what did John see here?

3 THINGS TO SEE ABOUT JESUS FROM REVELATION 5

1. HE IS _____

Your Notes:

2. HE IS _____

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3. HE IS _____

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