

intro:

Rev 1:1 tells us this book is called the revelation of Christ
it is literally the unveiling of Christ - and chapter 5 is a mountain top but before we get there it is helpful to see what is being unveiled

Problem:Lk 19:28-44

How could this be called the triumphal entry - Jesus was considered unworthy of worship (worship means to ascribe worth) and He was rejected

Rev 5 shows us that it should still be called the triumphal entry

Main Idea:

We are not worthy
Behold the Lamb
He is worthy

Implication:

His divinity or perfection is not celebrated but His humility and sacrifice - Phil 2:1-11

the very thing they refused to worship Him for - riding humbly into Jerusalem to be crucified - is the very thing He will be worshipped for eternally

Application:

He needs to get all the credit for our salvation
every mouth stopped - Rom 3:9-20; 1 Cor 1:20-29; Gal 6:13-14; Eph 2:8-9

Text:**We are not worthy**

Rev. 5:1 ¶ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with **seven seals**.

Rev. 5:2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "**Who is worthy** to open the scroll and break its seals?"

Rev. 5:3 And **no one** in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,

Rev. 5:4 and I began to weep loudly because **no one was found worthy** to open the scroll or to look into it.

seven seals - Rev 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1 -> 11:15

who is worthy - (Lev 25:25) To redeem the earth forfeited by Adam the redeemer must be a kinsman (another man) who had the ability to pay to redeem

who is a redeemer - Ruth 4:1-13, 18-22 -> 1 Cor 15:20-22, 45

Behold the Lamb

Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; **behold**, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

Rev. 5:6 ¶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw **a Lamb** (pet lamb) standing, as though it had been slain (perfect), with seven horns (omnipotence) and with seven eyes (omniscience), which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth (omnipresence).

Rev. 5:7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

Behold, the Lion of tribe of Judah - Behold the king - Gen 49:8-10

the Root - Isaiah 11:1-10

of David - Matt 1:1; 22:41-46

has conquered - Matt 21:5; Jn 19:1-5, 14-22 (rejected and crucified?)

the Lamb - is the Lamb who was slain - (exodus 12:1-14), Jn 1:29, 36

(in the rest of the bible called lamb 5 or so times in Rev He is called the Lamb 31 times)

seven horns (omnipotence) eyes (omniscience) spirits (omnipresent) - - He is now high and lifted up - Isaiah 6:1; 52:13-53:7
the lamb is Heaven's symbol of might

He took the scroll - Daniel saw this - Dan 7:13-14 -> wrath of the lamb - Rev 6:16

He is worthy

Rev. 5:8 And when he had taken the scroll, **the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb**, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Rev. 5:9 And they sang **a new song**, saying,

“**Worthy are you** to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,

Rev. 5:10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Rev. 5:11 ¶ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of **many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands**,

Rev. 5:12 saying with a loud voice,

“**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain (perfect passive)**,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Rev. 5:13 And I heard **every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them**, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be **blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**”

Rev. 5:14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and **worshiped**.

fell down before the lamb - compare Rev 5:8, 13; 4:9-10 (deity of Christ); 19:9-10; 22:3-9 (Trinity)
a new song - Isaiah 42:1-13 - to worship is to ascribe worth

for you were slain - Phil 2:1-11 - ascribe worth to His sacrifice (this is the triumph of Jesus entering Jerusalem to be crucified)

- worthiness not attached to His divinity or perfection but to His atoning sacrifice (**Implication**)
every mouth stopped - Rom 3:9-20; 1 Cor 1:20-29; Gal 6:13-14; Eph 2:8-9 (**application**)

Articles for further study:

<https://gotquestions.org/contribute-salvation.html>

s great song for the sermon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA4zOAtPeJ0>