## THE LION AND THE LAMB

Revelations 5:2-6, 11-13
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INTRO:

The growing desire to have a king!

### A. THE <u>ANTICIPATION</u> OF THE SAVIOR

"Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed." (v. 5)

- 1. The description of His **power**
- 2. The description of His **position**
- 3. The description of His **proof**

## **B. THE APPEARANCE OF THE SAVIOR**

"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." (v. 6)

- 1. The **revelation** of His appearance
- 2. The **classification** of His appearance
- 3. The **condition** of His appearance

#### C. THE ARRIVAL OF THE SAVIOR IN OUR LIVES

- 1. Our setbacks do not change God's **sovereignty** (v. 6,9a)
- 2. Our detours do not change God's **purpose** (v. 9b-10)
- 3. Our current reality is not our final **destiny** (v. 13)

# CONCLUSION

No matter the setbacks, detours, or current realities we face — the Lamb still stands.

#### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**ICEBREAKER:** Give an example of how your expectation did match reality.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. In verses 2–4, what is the significance of the scroll and the question, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"
- 2. According to verses 5–6, how is Jesus described? Why do you think He's shown as both a Lion and a Lamb?
- 3. What stands out to you in the worship scenes of verses 11–13? How would you describe the atmosphere around the throne?
- 4. Why is Jesus the only one worthy to open the scroll? What does that say about His role in God's redemptive plan?
- 5. What do the titles "the Lion of the tribe of Judah" and "the Lamb who was slain" reveal about the nature of Christ?
- 6. What does the response of the angels and all creation (v. 11–13) tell us about the worthiness and glory of Jesus?
- 7. In what ways can we recognize and respond to Jesus' worthiness in our daily lives?
- 8. What does true worship look like for you personally? How does this heavenly vision challenge or inspire that?
- 9. If you were to describe Jesus to someone based only on this passage, what would you say?

# **Closing Reflection / Prayer Prompt:**

- You can use the YouTube with the song "How Great is Our God" and invite group members to offer a short prayer of worship inspired by the phrases in verse 12 or 13.
- Remind the group to invite people for the upcoming Holy Week Trilogy, Palm Sunday (April 13), Good Friday (April 18), and Resurrection Sunday (April 20).