



# EASTER SUNDAY

## THE TRIUMPH OF THE LAMB

Pastor Dave Harvey April 20 2014 :: Revelation 5

*<sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> 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." Revelation 5:2–5 (ESV)*

### THE SCROLL AND THE LAMB

Pastor Dave described a truly astounding vision from John. The penultimate problem of all history is introduced, lamented and then answered in a matter of a few verses! We see that Jesus is the lamb who overcame and is the only one worthy to open the scroll. Which aspects of the text or sermon were particularly helpful to you?

- The Triumphant Lamb:
  - What is surprising about the imagery of a 'lamb'?
  - Why was the scroll sealed? What did this indicate about the reason for Jesus' coming and dying and being raised?
  - What connection does Revelation between the resurrection and the worthiness of the Lamb?
  - What is the response of heaven to the 'pass' from Father to Son?

### APPLICATION

- a. How would our 'song' increase (to join heaven's) if we contemplated Jesus' victory more often? What temptations do we face in attempts to 'open the scroll' ourselves?
- b. Consider the particular challenges we face in life. What does a vision of the triumphant lamb tell us about God's purposes for us? How are we called to overcome in humility, like a lamb?