To Marvel at an Awesome Lamb

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The Lion became a Lamb

The Lamb became a Sacrifice

The Sacrifice ransomed Man

Man will reign with the Lamb

(1) 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. (2) And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" (3) But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

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Revelation 5

(4) I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. (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."

1. We marvel that Christ alone could open the scroll.

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Revelation 5

(4)...<u>no one</u> was found who was <u>worthy</u> to open the scroll or look inside.

(11) "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things,

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Revelation 5

(10) You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Genesis 1

(27) So God created mankind in his own image...male and female he created them. (28) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number;

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Genesis 1

fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over...every living creature that moves on the ground.

Hebrews 2

(17) For this reason he had to be made like them, <u>fully human</u> in <u>every way</u>, in order that ...he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

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Hebrews 4:15

[Jesus] has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

(6) Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne...(7) He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

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(9) "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.









2. We marvel that our salvation from sin was made possible because God is a glorious Trinity.

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Matthew 28

(19) ...baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The only way we could be saved from sin is if God were an omnipotent King and a crucified man at the same time.

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The theme of Revelation is that the unconquerable lion became a sacrificial lamb. The King of Kings died for the citizens of His kingdom.

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As you look for meaning in your life consider this: A God that is only a lion or only a lamb is only half the God that you need.

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Think about it; you hurt and you suffer. So you need more than a King to rule over you. But you also lack wisdom and direction, so you need more than a tender hand to comfort you.

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You sin and you struggle so you need a lamb who can deal with the guilt that you feel. You sin and you struggle and you need a lion who can devour the evil that works in you and works against you.

What good is a lion-like God if He does not take care of sin, and He only rules by His roar? And what good is a lamb-like God if He does not triumph over sin and deal with the wrongs in the universe?

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3. We marvel how the sacrifice of one led to the salvation of many

(9) "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.

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Exodus 19

(6)...out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Acts 2

(1) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting... (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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Acts 2

(5) Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.... we hear them [the apostles] declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" (12) Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

(6) The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

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(4) We marvel at the intense amount of worship directed toward Jesus Christ.

(11) 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.

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Revelation 5

(12) 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!"

(13) 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!"