

JESUS

future tense

The Sound of a Lamb's Roar

Revelation 5

The Story:

Temporary tears in heaven. *vv.* 1-4

A hero's surprise identity. *vv.* 5-8

Paradox #1: The conquering Lion is a submissive Lamb.

Paradox #2: The slain Lamb is standing - alive.

A delayed "hallelujah" unleashed. *vv.* 9-14

Our Response:

Accept: Glory comes through submission to God.

Appreciate: History hangs on a cross.

Anticipate: You ain't seen nothing yet.

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) What was written on the scroll in God's hand? See 5:1; Daniel 8:26; 12:4, 8-9. Why would it require someone other than a human or an angel to open this scroll? What does this tell us about humanity's ability to establish a perfect world?
- 2) What does a lion symbolize in the Bible? See Genesis 49:9-10. What does a lamb symbolize? See Isaiah 53:7; John 1:29. How do these symbols characterize Jesus?
- 3) How does the cross of Jesus color every aspect of your life today like it does all of human history? Try to be specific.
- 4) Scripture encourages us to sing a new song for each new act of God's mercy. See Ps. 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1 and Isaiah 42:10-12. How can you celebrate God's goodness in your life today?



Memory Verse **Revelation 5:9-10**

"And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God 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."