

# The Great Breakthrough

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Revelation 5:1-14.
- B. Theme: the worship of the Redeemer.

## II. The unraveling of the sealed scroll.

- A. This is the revelation of the mysteries of God such as the problem of evil.
- B. That which is written down in the scroll suggests that it is permanent.
- C. John cries out for one that is worthy to open the scroll.
  - 1. Only the King of Jews is able to do this.
  - 2. When John sees the King, he sees the slaughtered Lamb of God.
  - 3. Jesus overcomes by submitting, which ties together the earthly promises of Israel and the church.
  - 4. Israel is being restored again. Israel must be restored for the earth to be restored. (Romans 11)
  - 5. Jesus has the fullness of power because of His death.
  - 6. Jesus could understand man so He was worthy to take the scroll and open it.
- D. The creatures engage in the worship of heaven over the Lamb.
  - 1. The redeemed contribute to the work of redemption through the application of it throughout the earth.
  - 2. The death of Jesus is given for the worship of heaven.
  - 3. We who deserve death are given life as a gift of God's grace.
  - 4. Earth will join in the worship of heaven when the final seal is opened—some will gladly confess and others will reluctantly have to acknowledge it. (Philippians 2)

## Application questions:

1. What is surprising about the picture of Jesus? What does this tell us about the importance of His work?

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2. What does the worship of Jesus suggest about His place in the universe?

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3. How many adjectives can you come up with to describe Jesus based upon this passage? List as many as possible in an act of worship before Him.

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