

THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES:

COME AND SEE: Revelation 4-5

Study Tools

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Message Summary.

Jesus takes John on a tour of the heavenly throne room, communicating spiritual realities through symbols and imagery. While it can be easy to get caught up in trying to decipher the mysterious, we are reminded that through it all, God is on the throne and Jesus has overcome. We need to resist being distracted by that which we may not understand and instead be focused on the saving power and sacrifice, the lion and the lamb, of Jesus Christ.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Revelation 4:1. Jesus invites John into the heavenly throne room.

Revelation 4:2. God is still on the throne.

1 Peter 1:3-5. Our salvation is secure in Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:20. God keeps his promises.

Revelation 4:3. God's presence is beyond our imagination.

Revelation 4:4. God is at the center of everything that is valuable and important to us.

Revelation 4:5. God is the very definition of power and spirit.

Revelation 4:6-8. God is worshipped by representatives of all parts of creation throughout all time.

Revelation 5:1-4. No one other than Jesus is worthy to atone for humanities sins.

Revelation 5:5-6. Jesus' sacrifice has provided the opportunity for humanity's salvation.

Revelation 5:11-12. All of heaven and earth will worship Jesus as the Lion and the Lamb, the Savior of the world.

Start Talking.

- 1) Have you ever missed the point of a conversation or lesson because you were distracted by the details?
- 2) Can you remember a time when grace was a more useful tool than power?

- 3) What are some consistencies, or "truths," in your life that help keep you grounded when things get tough?



Start Thinking.

- Why do you think Jesus uses so much imagery to show John what is going on in the heavenly throne room?
 - How important is it for us to draw a line between what is figurative and what is literal?
- What is the significance of the 24 elders laying down their crowns before God?
- What is more important: defining what the 24 elders and the 4 beasts represent, or understanding what they are doing? Why?
- What is the significance of John weeping when no one is found who can open the scroll?
- Contrast John's weeping with the multitude of angels rejoicing and worshipping; why is that important?
- How can Jesus be both a conquering lion and a sacrificial lamb at the same time?
- What does Jesus' depiction of the sacrificed lamb who is now standing in triumph mean for us?

Start Praying.

Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice and your worthiness to conquer sin and death. You alone have borne the sin of the world and defeated the evil one. Help us to put aside those things that distract us from following and worshipping you. Give us wisdom and understanding when reading through your revelation and help it to provide focus and purpose in our lives. Amen.

Start Doing.

- Read or listen to Revelation 4-5 every day this week.
- Write out, "God is on the throne, The Lamb is standing, Jesus has overcome," and put it somewhere you will see.