

# The Lamb of God

*Revelation 5:1-7*

The stage is set.  
The glowing introduction has built to a climax.  
We eagerly await the next moment,  
when we will finally meet the One so long promised:  
    the Mighty Conqueror,  
    the Root of David,  
    the King of all Kings,  
    the Lion of Judah.

At last we are about to see the One who is worthy  
to bring to living reality all the  
    magnificent plans and  
    magnificent promises of our sovereign, loving God.

All the sprawling creation is about to meet  
the One through Whom it was created,  
    its hope,  
    its Redeemer.

But behold the Man!  
The Lion is a Sacrificial Lamb.  
The Mighty Conqueror is One slaughtered,  
    still bearing His wounds.  
The King of all Kings is a Servant.  
The Lord of all Lords is a homeless peasant, without  
    power,  
    status, or  
    any attractiveness whatsoever.

Yet this One has overcome  
    all evil  
    everywhere,  
    for all time.

This one has conquered  
    through self-sacrifice, not self-fulfillment,  
    through complete dependence, not complete self-sufficiency,  
    through weakness, not strength.

And this One stands with His arms outstretched,  
calling to each of us and all of us:

*“If anyone wishes to come after Me,  
he must deny himself, and  
take up his cross and  
follow Me.”* (Matthew 16:24, NASB)

This is our all-conquering hero.  
This is our Leader,  
This is the One against whom  
    all rightness,  
    all success  
    all victory is measured:  
He is Christ crucified.

**Hymn: [Christ Crucified](#)**

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