

## **For us and our salvation (Rev. 5:1-14, Col. 2:13-15)**

Trophies

*“...that ignominious death which they thought to inflict, this was the trophy of his victory over death.” – Athanasius*

How can an instrument of execution be a trophy of conquest? How can a public humiliation be a triumph? What we’re exploring today.

### **1. The Cosmic Crisis (Rev. 5:1-4)**

The scroll

The problem

The paradox of humanity

The cosmic crisis (spelt out in Ephesians 2:1-3)

- i. We are in bondage
- ii. We are guilty and deserving of punishment

Why can't God just overlook our sin and forgive?

Because God is not just loving, he is

- Just
- Truthful

Hence why God can't just open the seal by brute power

### **2. The Crucified Conqueror (Rev. 5:5-7)**

The Lion of Judah, the Root of David (cf. Gen. 49 & Isaiah 11)  
BUT....a slain Lamb?!?

Victory through sacrifice

*How does a slain Lamb conquer?*

- Isaiah 53 and **substitution**
- Colossians 2:13-15 and the **disarming of Satan**

Satan's greatest weapon: a\_\_\_\_\_

But now, weapons taken, not by force, but by *justice*

### **3. The Celestial Chorus (Rev. 5:8-14)**

Worthy!

*This We Believe: A Sermon series on the Nicene Creed*

He did it all so he can have a relationship with you and I

And the chorus keeps expanding and expanding