

The Authority of Jesus

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Revelation 5:1-14

Before the era of gummed, self-sticking, and privacy envelopes wax seals were routinely used to safeguard important messages. Only the one to whom the letter was addressed, or a person in authority, was permitted to break open the seal.

Years ago, I enjoyed a craft that involved sealing my cards and letters with a decorative wax circle, imprinted with my personal symbol. The kit contained colored wax sticks of olive green, golden yellow, and plum along with a brass stamper.

The scroll in Revelation 5, sealed with seven seals and held in God's hand, is said to have contained "the mystery of God's purpose for the world."• Jesus, the King descended from the throne of David; Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God; Jesus, the One whom innumerable angels proclaimed, "Worthy . . . to receive glory and honor and power."• Jesus is the only One in heaven and earth who possesses authority to break open the seven seals and reveal the fate of mankind.

*Merrill C. Tenney, *Interpreting Revelation: A Reasonable Guide to Understanding the Last Book of the Bible*, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2001 reprint, 126.

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