

Revelation 5:1-6a—Jesus Takes The Scroll

It's very important for us to realise that God never allows anything to happen on earth until it's settled in Heaven. And this shows us that. So let's start reading Revelation chapter 5.

Revelation 5:1-14 NKJV

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Worthy is the Lamb

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll,

And to open its seals;

For You were slain,

And have redeemed us to God by Your blood

Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God;

And we shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom,

And strength and honour and glory and blessing!"

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

"Blessing and honour and glory and power

Be to Him who sits on the throne,

And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

The scroll—The title deed to the earth

Revelation 5:1 NKJV

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

The focus of chapter 4 was the throne of God. In chapter five the focus shifts to the scroll held by the one who sits on the throne.

If this scroll was similar to other scrolls in John's day, it was made of eight-by-ten-inch sheets of papyrus, which were connected horizontally and wound around a wooden handle. Short epistles or letters the size of Jude, Philemon, and II and III John would all be written on one single piece of papyrus. The Book of Revelation, on the other hand, would require a scroll fifteen feet long. Due to the coarse back of the papyrus, the three-inch-wide columns of writing were written on only the smooth side, the front. Here, however, we see a scroll written on *both* sides and sealed with seven seals, which can be perplexing until one studies Jewish history—where you find numerous examples of a certain kind of document with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals: a title deed to a piece of property.

Initially, a title deed would be written only on the smooth side and sealed with a single seal (Jeremiah 32:6–29). But if the owner became unable to meet his financial obligations, he would have to relinquish or give up his title deed, and his debts would be written on the back and sealed with seven wax seals.

Did you know that, in the nation of Israel, land that was initially allocated to the tribal states and to the individual families when they inherited the promised land could never be permanently taken from a family? They might fall on hard times, and have to sell the land. But then the buyer could never claim permanent title to the land. They always had to leave it open for the original family to buy it back if they were able to. Even if it was generations later, the purchaser had to allow the descendants of the original family to buy it back at any time. The book of Ruth is a great example of this. It's the duty of the kinsman redeemer. You can listen to the messages on the book of Ruth where it demonstrates how Jesus fulfills the kinsman redeemer role for all of humanity.

All of this explains what is in the hand of the One who sits on the throne here in chapter 5—it's the title deed to planet earth. The title deed to this planet was originally given to Adam in the Garden of Eden when God told him to subdue the earth (Genesis 1:28). But Adam forfeited his right to ownership when he ate of the fruit of the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. You see, although Eve was tricked into eating the forbidden fruit, Adam's decision to sin was an overt, calculated act of rebellion, which is why the Bible speaks of Adam's sin as that which transferred to Satan the title deed of our planet (Romans 5:14). This explains why Paul called Satan the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4) and why Jesus referred to him as the prince of this world (John 12:31). Therefore, when people say, "Well, if God is so good, why are there wars, cancer, floods, AIDS, depression, rape, and injustice?"—they're blaming the wrong person. The planet God gave man was absolutely perfect. *Man* is to blame for turning the planet over to Satan. And Adam, and everyone else who has sinned, is the reason that John's audience were watching their brothers and sisters imprisoned or fed to the lions, crucified, or dipped in hot wax. *This book was written not only to deal with prophecy, but primarily to deal with the questions with which John's flock wrestled—and the questions with which Christians have wrestled ever since — the question of suffering and persecution.*

So how did the title deed of the earth come to be transferred to Satan? Let's have a closer look. Firstly, Adam was given sovereign control of the earth for mankind. Adam was given the title deed to the earth.

Genesis 1:28 NLT paraphrase

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it [have dominion over it]. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

But when Adam decided to go his own way, to reject relationship with God, and follow Satan, he forfeited the title deed of the earth to Satan. This is what is behind the drama of human history. It's a part of what has influenced history from the beginning of mankind on this planet. Let me just show you a situation where we can see Satan showing off and being insolent about the fact that he owned the earth. It's when Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days to be tempted.

Matthew 4:8-10 NLT paraphrase

⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

¹⁰ "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

Jesus didn't rebuke or correct Satan's claim on the world. Satan was offering Jesus what He came for without Jesus having to pay for it by dying on the cross. It was a shortcut—glory without suffering.

Another verse to look at which indicates that Satan has the title deed to the earth is:

Matthew 13:44 NKJV

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The field is the world and we, the people, are the treasure. Jesus pays the ultimate price to redeem the field, the world, and in doing so, also redeems us. Again, it's the picture of the kinsman redeemer in Ruth. When Boaz redeemed the land, he also married Ruth.

Who is worthy to open the scroll?

Revelation 5:2 NKJV

² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

I want you to notice something. It says ...who is worthy to open the scroll... The scroll contains the judgements and the things that that God is going to do to officially reclaim the earth for Himself again.

When Jesus died on the cross, He took the title deed back, legally. I find it interesting that God is bound by His own rules. It would take a perfect man to die in the place of sinful man in order for sinful man to be redeemed. Jesus had to pay the penalty in order to legally, in His own court, purchase it back from Satan. God even honours His ethics with someone like Satan.

So what was required to purchase back the earth and everything and everyone on it from Satan?

Firstly, the substitutionary sacrifice had to be a man. Secondly, the sacrifice had to be a perfect man, someone who had never sinned. Jesus fulfilled both requirements. Jesus was the perfect man who took the place of guilty sinners when He died on the cross.

Because Jesus is the Son of Man, He became a true man, fully man and fully God. He lived a flawless life and then voluntarily went to the cross to pay for the sins of the world. He purchased back Satan's right to hold the title deed. Now, although He did that almost 2,000 years ago, He still hasn't taken the title deed yet, He still hasn't claimed the earth for Himself yet. But the price has already been paid. Does that make sense? The following verses make this more clear.

Hebrews 2:8, 10:12-13

2:8 **But now we do not yet see all things put under him.**

10:12 But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honour at God's right hand. ¹³ **There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet.**

What we see happening in Revelation chapter 5 is Jesus taking up or claiming what He has already purchased.

Why do you think Jesus has waited so long to claim what is already rightfully His? After all, it has been almost 2,000 years since He paid the price.

The reason He didn't take up what He purchased before was that He wanted to give man time to repent.

This shows that God is gracious and merciful. God has had to put up with lot of sin in order to give more people the chance to repent and believe in Him. Many ask, "why doesn't God just stop all this war and all this evil and pain and suffering? Why does He let it happen." Well, it's because God made a sovereign choice to give man freedom of choice—obey or rebel. And He doesn't change His sovereign decisions. So in order to give the human race the maximum opportunity to have the choice to receive the pardon, the forgiveness of sins that He sent His Son to die to give them, He has to put up with all the evil that goes along with it. Now God could stop it. He could stop the world right now, just destroy it, but that's the only way He could, and it would result in all of us in these last days never having the chance to repent and believe in Him for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, God endures sin, so many more may come to Christ. Consider:

2 Peter 3:9 NLT paraphrase

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

So when people ask you, "Why isn't God doing something?" You can answer, "Well He is doing something. He's winning people out of darkness into light and building them for His kingdom." Listen to what Jesus says to Paul.

Acts 26:17-18 NLT paraphrase

And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.

Ephesians 5:8 NLT paraphrase

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

Now back in Revelation 5 where it says in verses 2 and 3:

Revelation 5:2-3 NKJV

Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

v 2 **Who is worthy:** In other words, “Who is able to meet the requirements, to pay off the debt?” What was the debt that needed to be paid to redeem both the earth and all the people on it? Also, why was no one worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals? The following verses give us the answer.

Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT paraphrase

Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

What the scriptures tell us here is that Jesus had to become human so He could die and break the power of the Devil. But why couldn’t any other human die in our place?

Hebrews 7:26-27 NLT paraphrase

He is the kind of high priest we need because he is **holy and blameless, unstained by sin**. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honour in heaven. ²⁷ Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. **But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people’s sins.**

The reason that Jesus sacrifice was accepted by God the Father as payment for our sins is that Jesus was and is perfect — He is **“holy and blameless, unstained by sin.”** Only an innocent person could die in the place of the guilty.

Why isn’t it possible for any other human to be perfect?

Because Adam sinned, all sinned, meaning that we all inherited his sin nature.

Romans 5:12 NLT paraphrase

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

The scriptures explicitly say that we were all born in sin (with a sin nature).

Psalms 51:5 NLT paraphrase

⁵ For I was born a sinner—
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

The sin nature is inherited from the man—originally from Adam. Basically, because of Adam all die, and because of Jesus, all have the opportunity to live. Adam is our federal head, the one who represented the entire human race. But he failed. And because he failed, we all failed (see Romans 5:12-19). But Jesus, the Second Adam, was born of a virgin—therefore, He had no sinful human father. Rather Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. This meant that Jesus was born without a sin nature.

Revelation 5:4 NKJV

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

The Greek word translated “wept much” actually means “sobbed convulsively.” John is overcome with grief when he realises the earth would remain in Satan’s grasp forever.

And once again, this is a beautiful, breathtaking thing. The apostle John is representing all believers. We will be experiencing, seeing and hearing exactly what he is here. For example, when Jesus said, “come up here,” and all the believers were instantly caught up to Heaven. That was a picture of what every believer will go through when the rapture happens and all the saints will be transformed and caught up to heaven at God’s command.

And here, we have John’s tears representing all the tears of mankind due the tremendous suffering that mankind has brought upon himself—both in this world and in the next, for eternity. Just think for a second of how desperate and depressed we would be if there were no Saviour, no one to redeem us. Only death and eternal torment was waiting for us. How we desperately need to be saved. How we desperately want to be saved. Please, someone save us from our current misery and slavery to sin and the eternal misery and damnation waiting for us.

It would be like being on a sinking ship in the middle of the ocean with sharks circling around and no rescue in sight. You are hopeless, despondent, desperate not be shark food. You are hoping against hope that someone will come and rescue you, but no one is coming. It’s only minutes before the ship that you are standing on will slip under the water. You start to weep. You know it’s the end. There is no hope, no Saviour. But wait, a helicopter comes over the horizon and is flying fast and low. It picks you up just as the ship goes under, with the sharks snapping at your heels.

This is how John feels as he initially thinks that there is no one able to open the scroll that will give God the right to impose the judgments that will be imposed on the earth, and then to take back this world from Satan.

Jesus—The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Relation 5:5-7 NKJV

But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

What is John seeing? The description given to John was that of a lion, but what he observes is a Lamb. **“Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed (overcome)...”**

Why is Jesus described as both a lion and a lamb. When Jesus came the first time, He came as a lamb - the suffering servant who would die for the sins of the world. When he comes the second time, He coming as a lion—as the conquering King. What is the old Testament reference for this? Genesis 49. If you are going to study revelation, the best tool to have is a concordance. Because it will show you where many of these titles and symbols are explained. The Messianic title **Lion of the tribe of Judah** comes from Genesis 49:9–10, Isaiah 31:4, and Hosea 11:10. The title **Root of David** comes from Isaiah 11:10 and is repeated in Revelation 22:16.

Isaiah 11:10 NKJV

¹⁰ “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,
And His resting place shall be glorious.”

Root means offspring. Jesus will be a descendant of the offspring of Jesse, that is, King David.

Coming back to the “Lion of the tribe of Judah, let’s take a look at Genesis chapter 49. In Genesis 49 we have a prophecy of Jacob/Israel which he gave to his sons concerning the things that would happen in the last days (end times). He goes through each son or tribe:

Genesis 49:1, 9-10

1 And Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:

In verses eight through twelve Jacob, also called Israel, prophecies concerning Judah. We’ll just read verses 9-10.

9 Judah is a lion’s whelp [son of a lion];
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He bows down, he lies down as a lion;
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?

¹⁰ The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until **Shiloh [the One to Whom it belongs or the One whose right it is]** comes;
And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

Firstly, what does this have to do with the Messiah? It all has to do with the word “Shiloh.” Do you know what the Hebrew word translated “Shiloh” means? It means, “The one to whom it belongs,” or “whose right it is.” The word Shiloh is only used once in the bible, in Genesis 49:10. So in other words, the verse is saying:

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until Shiloh, the One to Whom it belongs, the One Whose right it is, comes.

Jesus is the One to Whom it belongs, the One Whose right it is.

Right here is the prediction that the Messiah, Jesus, would come from the tribe of Judah, the tribe from whom the kings would come (except King Saul, who was given as a punishment for the people asking for a king). Jesus is a lion, the son of a lion. This is one of His characteristics. This is one of the places where the idea came from, when God gives the prophecy in Revelation 5:5, “the Lion of the tribe of Judah...”

Also relevant to Revelation 5:5 is the meaning of this title of the Messiah, “The one to whom it belongs,” or “whose right it is.” Think about it. Revelation 5:5 points us back to Genesis 49:9-10 where the name of the Messiah, which is only used once in the bible, tells us, in effect, that Jesus is the One to whom the earth belongs, or Jesus is the One whose right it is to open the scroll. How awesome. Remember that Revelation 5 refers to the title deed of the earth. To whom does it belong? We just read that there was no one worthy to open the scroll, no one worthy to own or buy back and redeem the earth. But here in Genesis we find that there is one, the Messiah, the One to Whom the earth belongs, the One whose right it is to open and judge and redeem. God had this planned the whole time.

Now, just as an aside, these verses also contain an interesting prophecy concerning the first coming of Jesus. This is not unusual. Frequently, Messianic prophecies, prophecies that concern the coming messiah, will mix and match prophecies concerning the first coming of Jesus and the second coming of Jesus. It is really only in hindsight, with all the prophecies concerning the first coming of Jesus being already fulfilled, that we can look back and see clearly which prophecies concerned the first coming and which concerned the second coming. This is why the Jews, including the disciples were so confused at the time—“Your going to die! I though you were going to set up your kingdom on earth?! Isn't the Messiah the conquering King?”

First coming prophecy—the sceptre is taken away

So in Genesis 49:9-10, the meaning of the name “Shiloh” concerns the second coming, as does the reference to the lion. But the reference to, “the sceptre shall not depart until Shiloh comes,” has to do with the first coming of Jesus our Messiah. Why?

It has to do with the sceptre. The sceptre represents the right to rule, a symbol of authority. If you remember the story of Ester, the king had to hold out his sceptre otherwise Queen Ester would be put to death because she went before the king uninvited. For the Jews, even though they were subject to foreign powers, firstly the Babylonians, then the Medes and Persians, then the Greeks, and finally the Romans; they always had limited rights to self government. What this meant was that, if somebody broke their laws, especially their religions or ceremonial laws, they had the authority to put that person to death. They still had the right of capital punishment. So in effect they still had the sceptre of authority over their own people in regards to their own laws and court system.

What verse 10 predicts is that Israel would lose this authority when the Messiah came.

**The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until Shiloh comes:
And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.**

Guess what. They did lose that authority when Jesus came. In a.d. 7, when Jesus would have been only a young boy, under Herod and the Romans, the Jew's right to capital punishment—the small but remaining element of their self-governance—was taken away.

At the time, the rabbis considered it a disaster of unfulfilled Scripture. Seemingly, the last vestige of the **sceptre**, or authority, had passed from Judah, and they did not see the Messiah. Reportedly, rabbis walked the streets of Jerusalem and said, “Woe unto us, for the sceptre has been taken away from Judah, and Shiloh has not come.” Yet God’s word had not been broken. Jesus was alive and well. Prophecy concerning Jesus first coming had been fulfilled. Instead of doubting Scripture, the Jewish leaders should have been looking for the Messiah. There should have been excitement. Their eyes should have been wide open, knowing that God never lets any of His words fall to the ground (1 Samuel 3:19). God never makes mistakes.

Jesus the Lion of the Tribe of Judah rules over all nations

Finally in verse 10 of Genesis chapter 49 we have another second coming prophecy, “And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.” There are many scriptures that refer to the fact that Jesus will rule and reign over all peoples, not only on the earth for the 1,000 Millennial reign, but also for eternity. This can only be fulfilled when comes to earth the second time and establishes His Kingdom Here on earth for a 1,000 years.

So in Revelation 5:5, God makes it very clear that the one who has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals is none other than Jesus Himself, “the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David.” Jesus is the one who was predicted, the one who would come.

The reason that I’m getting into so much detail, is to show you that all this is deeply embedded throughout the entire bible. The bible is a book like no other. It’s written by 40 different authors over thousands of years from different places and backgrounds, and yet what God wrote through these 40 men is like one book, with one message, because the Holy Spirit inspired it all. It shows that the bible is the divinely, verbally, inspired word of God.

Jesus—The Lamb Who Was Slain

So we have learned that the One who will carryout what is written in the scroll is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Now in verse 6, John said that Jesus is the one whose going to do it, but when John looks to see the one who’s going to take the scroll what does he see?

Revelation 5:6a NKJV

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,**

This description of Jesus is so important. Firstly, Jesus is the Lamb who was slain or killed, but here He is described as “standing.” What does that tell us? He was dead, but now He is alive. Also, a lamb represents or signifies humility, gentleness, and sacrificial love.

Now here is something that is very important to remember as we continue in Revelation over the following weeks: The coming judgment beginning in chapter six is dictated and administrated by the **Lamb** who already offered an escape from judgment by taking judgment upon Himself. The judgment will come upon a world that hates the **Lamb** and all He stands for, and rejects His offer of escape.

Also, the idea is that the sacrifice of Jesus is still *fresh* and *current* before God the Father. There is nothing stale or old in the work of Jesus on the cross. Thousands of years later, it is still fresh as the day He died on the cross. I pray that we would never forget the tremendous price that Jesus paid, the horrific suffering He endured on the cross as He suffered in our place. Jesus asked us to take communion, “in remembrance of Me.” The more we appreciate what it took for Jesus to save us, the more we will love, appreciate and obey Him.

Hal Lindsay says:

“So as John looks at the throne, He sees a Lamb who has the marks, and the scars of His death. These will be the everlasting badge of Jesus to remind us of what it cost to forgive us and bring us into heaven. When we see Jesus, He is going to have some terrible scars, and they will always be there, even in His glorified body. And I’m glad, because I never want to forget.”

There’s a true story that was told about a mother who rushed into a burning room to rescue her little baby daughter. And in so doing and protecting her she was badly burned and had horrible scars. And as the little girl grew up she didn’t know anything about it, and she was embarrassed about those scars that her mother had on the side of her face and arm. Until one day, the little girl came home from school crying and telling her mother that the other kids keep making fun of your scars and they are embarrassing to me. So her mother said to her daughter, “let me tell you how I got them.” And she told her how she had rescued her, nearly losing her own life to get her out of that fire. From that time on that little girl loved those scars.

Application:

Are we sometimes ashamed of Jesus, of identifying with Him? Do I sometimes find the cross offensive? Do I try to avoid the persecution and the cost that comes from being a disciple of Christ? Like the little girl, the more we understand about Jesus and what He has done for us, the more bold we will be about standing up for Him and being His ambassador. Like the little girl was no longer concerned or upset about what her friends were saying about her mother’s scars, we too will no longer be concerned about what others say about us because we follow Christ. Like the apostles, we will

Acts 5:40-42 AMP

So, convinced by him, they took his advice; and summoning the apostles, they flogged them and sternly forbade them to speak in or about the name of Jesus, and allowed them to go.

41 So they went out from the presence of the council (Sanhedrin), rejoicing that they were being counted worthy [dignified by the indignity] to suffer shame and be exposed to disgrace for [the sake of] His name.

42 Yet [in spite of the threats] they never ceased for a single day, both in the temple area and at home, to teach and to proclaim the good news (Gospel) of Jesus [as] the Christ (the Messiah).