



Cross Truths!

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"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Rev. 17:14

Enough of the Roaring!

This will absolutely destroy some popular theology - but it is time to stop the roaring! You will constantly see posts on social media encouraging Christians to be like Jesus, The Lion! There are more than a few extremely popular contemporary songs about "roaring like a lion" or something similar. Just this week there was a popular post going around Social Media with the picture of a ferocious lion with a caption "it's time to roar with Jesus leading the way". There are numerous similar themes all around us.

There is a very serious problem with all of that. There is absolutely NOTHING scriptural about it. But what about Rev. 5:5 where it clearly says that the Lion of the Tribe of Judah was worthy to open the Seven Sealed Book? That's very interesting as it is the ONLY reference in scripture that calls Jesus the Lion of The Tribe of Judah. Seriously, the only one. And if you read further John begins looking for this Lion - but instead he finds The Lamb. And it is THE LAMB that opens the seals of the book, NOT the Lion.

Never before and never after is Jesus called The Lion. There is no doubt that He is worthy of that title - but here is the truth - Jesus NEVER conquered as the Lion, but always as The Lamb. Seventeen times in the book of Revelation Jesus is referred to as The Lamb. In Rev. 17 we find the greatest military battle ever fought on Earth. The Anti-Christ and all the kingdoms of the earth come against Jesus and he conquers them ALL - as The Lamb. As The Lamb he is "Lord of Lords, and King of Kings".

If we are to be totally scriptural you will need to understand that today, the only person referred to as the lion is the Devil (I Peter 5:8).

How is it possible that the overwhelming majority of Christians could misunderstand? It is because, in our flesh, we would much rather be a lion than a lamb! That is far more appealing. After all, if you put a lion and a lamb in the same room and shut the door you end up with lambchops! That is in the natural world, not the spiritual and we are all inclined to desire the natural over the spiritual. We want to be ferocious and roar like a lion. Everything in us rejects the surrender of a lamb.

One more proof. Where and when was the greatest spiritual battle ever fought? At Calvary when Jesus conquered sin, death, hell and the Devil himself. Correct? How did He fight that battle? As a lion or The Lamb? If you truly want to be like Jesus, stop the roaring and start surrendering.
