



# KEYS TO THE KINGDOM – 3

## “BRIDGE TO THE KINGDOM”

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### MAN’S SIN SEPARATES HIM FROM GOD AND DISQUALIFIES HIM FROM EXERCISING MAN’S EARTH DOMINION AUTHORITY.

**Isa. 59:2** *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.* (NKJV)

**Rom. 3:12** *“They have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.”* (NKJV)

#### What Disqualifies Man From Earth Dominion:

1. Loss of Freedom of Choice
2. Loss of Capacity for Love
3. Loss of Intimacy with God

### THE MESSIAH (“CHRIST” OR “ANOINTED ONE”) WAS THE PROMISED RESTORER OF MAN’S EARTH DOMINION.

**Isa. 9:6-7** *A child has been born to us; God has given a son to us. He will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace. Power and peace will be in his kingdom and will continue to grow forever. He will rule as king on David’s throne and over David’s kingdom. He will make it strong by ruling with justice and goodness from now on and forever. The LORD All-Powerful will do this because of his strong love for his people.* (NCV)

**Luke 4:18-19** *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”* (NLT)

### AS THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN, THE MESSIAH MUST BE:

1. **GOD** - As God’s Son, He will restore life to sinful man who had been condemned to death.

**1 John 4:9-10** *God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.* (NRS)

2. **MAN** - As the second Adam, He will do what the first Adam failed to do.

**Rom. 5:18-19** *Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.* (NRSV)

**Heb. 2:14-15** *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. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.* (NLT)

### TO RESTORE MAN TO INTIMACY WITH GOD, THE MESSIAH MUST REVEAL TO HUMANITY WHAT GOD IS REALLY LIKE.

**John 1:17-18** *“The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son is very close to the Father, and he has shown us what God is like.”* (NCV)

### TO RESTORE MAN’S LOST FREEDOM, THE MESSIAH MUST DEFEAT SATAN ON EARTH’S BATTLEGROUND BY:

#### 1. ASSERTING MAN’S EARTH DOMINION AUTHORITY.

**Matt. 4:1-11**

Christ won over Satan by doing what Adam failed to do. He gained victory by doing the following:

- a. He was filled and led by the Holy Spirit.
- b. He overcame through His belief and trust in God’s Word.
- c. He asserted the earth dominion authority that God originally gave to Adam.

**Matt. 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”* (NRSV)

#### 2. DESTROYING SATAN’S DOMINION ON EARTH THROUGH HIS WORKS OF MIRACLES.

**1 John 3:8** *But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.* (NLT)

**Acts 10:38** *“And no doubt you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him.”* (NLT)

### TO RESTORE MAN’S CAPACITY FOR LOVE, THE MESSIAH MUST PAY THE RANSOM FOR SINFUL MAN AND OPEN HIS WAY BACK TO GOD’S KINGDOM BY:

#### 1. BEING BORN AS A MAN.

**Matt. 1:18-25**

#### 2. DYING AS A SINLESS MAN.

**1 Peter 3:18** *Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.* (NLT)

#### 3. RISING FROM THE DEAD AS A “SPIRITUAL” MAN.

**1 Cor. 15:3-4** *I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me – that Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said.* (NLT)

### ONLY JESUS CHRIST CAN BRIDGE THE VAST SEPARATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

**John 14:6** *Jesus answered, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.”* (NCV)

**John 10:9** *“Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved.”* (NLT)

**Acts 4:12** *“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”* (NCV)



**Key-3: ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS CHRIST AS GOD AND MAN.**