



Focus Through His death and resurrection, Jesus reclaimed the master key to life. He holds the keys, and He is the Door to everlasting life.

Open How often do you tend to lose things? What do you lose most often?

Read Revelation 1:18 says, *"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."* In the Garden of Eden, God gave the keys of earth to Adam who lost them to Satan. As a result, mankind was "locked up" in the curse. When Jesus died, He went to Hades and reclaimed the keys from Satan. Now, we no longer have to live in fear of physical or spiritual death.

Revelation 3:7 says that Jesus holds the key of David. This is a quote from Isaiah 22:15–25. In this passage, Isaiah tells a prophetic story in which Shebna (a type of Satan) sought to exalt himself using the resources that were meant to build the kingdom for the people. Isaiah prophesied that Eliakim (a type of Jesus) would pull him down. In other words, Satan was thrown down, and Jesus was raised up.

Isaiah's prophecy also tells of a peg (a very large spike built into the walls) that was capable of bearing heavy burdens. Isaiah 22:25 says that the peg would be pulled out and would fall to the ground, along with the burden it carried. That peg represents Jesus, and the burden is sin. Jesus was nailed to the cross so that all of our sins could be permanently removed. However, Jesus no longer carries our sin ... He left it all at the cross. The key is the cross, and Jesus is the Door to eternal and abundant life.

Talk

1. What do keys represent in the Bible?
2. Read Revelation 3:7. What does it mean to be the bearer of a master key? In what area of your life do you need to be reminded that Jesus holds the master key?
3. What “doors” does Jesus’ death and resurrection lock in your life? What doors does it open?
4. Read John 10:9. How do we “enter by” Jesus?

Live

1. Isaiah 22:23–24 says that everything could be hung on the “peg” (Jesus), even the heaviest burden. What heavy burden do you need to “hang” on Jesus today?
2. Jesus does not carry our sin any more ... He left it all on the cross (Colossians 2:14). The cross is the key to life in Jesus.
 - a. If you have not asked Jesus to take your sin and to become your Lord, ask someone in the group to pray with you today.
 - b. Take several minutes in pairs or as a group to thank Jesus for His finished work on the cross. Give him your “burdens” and ask Him to carry them.

Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus to reclaim the keys and save your life. Thank Him for opening doors that no one can shut and closing doors that no one can open. Thank Him that Jesus’ work is complete and permanent. Ask Him to show you more of who He is and the goodness that He has in store for you through Jesus.