

Jesus – The Power to Open Heaven For You

John 14:1-6

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

And you know the way to where I am going. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. Many Ways to Heaven?"

- Christ is the way for Christians.
- Mohammed is the way for Muslims.
- Moses is the way for Jews.
- Buddha is the way for Buddhists.

"I ignore all organized faiths and keep to a road of higher consciousness. Without relying on religion, look to common sense, common experience and the findings of science."

Dalai Lama

"Here, you see, it is necessary to examine what is meant by liberation or salvation. Liberation in which " a mind that understands the sphere of reality annihilates all defilements in the sphere of reality" is a state that only Buddhists can accomplish."

"This kind of moksha or nirvana is only explained in the Buddhist scriptures , and is achieved only through Buddhist practice."

D. A Carson

The Intolerance of Tolerance

Why does Jesus have the power to open Heaven for you?

1. He came from heaven therefore He knows the way to heaven.

In my Father's house are many rooms... Jn. 14:2

He had also descended into the lower regions, the earth. Eph. 4:9

No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. Jn. 3:13

Though He was in the form of God... but made Himself nothing... being born in the likeness of men.
Phil. 2:6-7

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Jn. 1:14

No one has even seen God, the only God, who is at the Father's side,
He has made Him known.
Jn. 1:18

Bosom - intimate access/closeness oneness

Father glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.
Jn. 17:5

For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Jn. 6:33

2. He is the door – the way into heaven.

Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. Jn. 10:7

I am the door, if anyone enters by Me, He will be saved... (9)

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. Jn. 10:1

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
Jn. 14:6

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2:5

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction and those who enter by it are many. Matt. 7:13

For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life and those who find it are few. (14)

Without the way there is no going;
Without the truth there is no knowing;
Without the life there is no living.
I am the way which thou shouldst pursue;
the truth which thou shouldst believe; the life which thou shouldst hope for.”
Thomas a Kempis – Imitation of Christ

3. He conquered sin and death, therefore He alone has the keys of heaven.

Fear not, I am the first and the last...
Rev. 1:17

The First and the Last

Isa. 41:4 – I, the Lord, the first and with the last, I am He.

Isa. 44:6 – I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Isa. 48:12 – I am the first and I am the last.

Rev. 22:13 – I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

“First” – from Me all things come to be.

“Last” – To Me all things return.

... and the Living One. I died and behold I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of death and Hades. Re. 1:17-18

Have the gates of death been revealed to you or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Job 38:17

“I died” – became dead

“I am alive forevermore” – (present tense) “The one who lives.”

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead will never die again, death no longer has dominion over Him. Rom. 6:9

I have the keys of death and Hades.

“keys” – authority of access

Truly I say to you today you will be with me in Paradise.

Lk. 23:43