



Study Guide - 3

Bridge to the Kingdom

Pre-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Do you see Christianity as a religion, and not a relationship with Jesus?
2. Is it unimportant to you whether Jesus is God or not?
3. Do you have some doubts that Jesus is God?
4. Do you have a problem believing that Jesus rose from the dead?
5. Are you confused about why Jesus had to become a man?

DISCOVER

Is Jesus really God? Why did He become a human being? What was His purpose in coming to earth? Why is it important for us to know that Jesus is both God and man? What did He really do for humanity?

QUESTION-1: What is the effect of sin on man?

READ-1: Isa. 59:2; Rom. 3:12

DISCOVERY-1: MAN'S SIN SEPARATES HIM FROM GOD AND HE IS PREVENTED FROM EXERCISING MAN'S EARTH DOMINION AUTHORITY.

What Disqualifies Man From Earth Dominion:

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

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QUESTION-2: Why did Jesus come?

READ-2.01: Isa. 9:4,6,7

READ-2.02: Luke 4:18-19

READ-2.03: John 10:10; John 14:6

READ-2.04: John 10:9; Acts 4:12

DISCOVERY-2: AS THE PROMISED MESSIAH, ONLY JESUS CAN BRIDGE THE SEPARATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

QUESTION-3: What are the qualifications of a "mediator" between a holy God and sinful man?

READ-3.01: 1 John 4:9,10; John 17:2

READ-3.02: Rom. 5:18-19; Heb. 2:14-15

DISCOVERY-3: AS 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.
2. MAN - As the second Adam, He will do what the first Adam failed to do.

QUESTION-4: What did Jesus' followers testify about Him in the Bible?

READ-4.01: Matt. 16:15-16

READ-4.02: 2 Pet. 1:16-19

READ-4.03: John 1:1-4; John 1:14

DISCOVERY-4: JESUS' DISCIPLES ACKNOWLEDGED HIM AS THE MESSIAH, ETERNAL SON OF GOD AND CREATOR.

QUESTION-5: How did Jesus fulfill His role as the Messiah?

READ-5.01: John 1:17; John 1:18

DISCOVERY-5A: TO RESTORE MAN TO INTIMACY WITH GOD, JESUS REVEALED TO HUMANITY WHAT GOD IS REALLY LIKE.

READ-5.02: Matt. 4:1-11 **READ-5.03: Acts 10:38; Matt. 4:17**

READ-5.04: 1 John 3:8; Mark 1:34

DISCOVERY-5B: TO RESTORE MAN'S LOST FREEDOM, JESUS DEFEATED SATAN ON EARTH'S BATTLEGROUND BY:

1. Asserting man's earth dominion authority.
2. Destroying Satan's dominion on earth through His works of miracles.

READ-5.05: Matt. 1:18-25 **READ-5.06: 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18** **READ-5.07: 1 Cor. 15:3-4; 1 Cor. 15:20**

DISCOVERY-5C: TO RESTORE MAN'S CAPACITY FOR LOVE, JESUS PAID THE RANSOM FOR SINFUL MAN AND OPENED HIS WAY BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM BY:

1. Being born as a man.
2. Dying as a sinless man.
3. Rising from the dead as a "spiritual" man.

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

What Adam lost for humanity, God recovers and restores through Christ, who is both God and man. Only as we acknowledge the divinity and humanity of Christ can we understand what He came to do on earth and what He continues to do in heaven. He came to bridge the wide gap of separation between God and sinful man. When Jesus

stretched His arms on the cross and cried out, "It is finished," He reconciled man with God.

SUMMARY

Only a person who is both God and man could bridge the separation between sinners like me and God. Jesus Christ, God's eternal Son, is the promised Messiah, who became a man to be the Second Adam. Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose on the third day from the grave to ransom sinners and open the way for them to be restored to God's kingdom.

After-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Do you understand the vast separation between a holy God and sinful humanity?
2. Do you understand that only a Mediator who is both God and man can bridge the separation from God that man's sin caused?
3. Do you understand that the Bible says that Jesus is both God and man?
4. Do you understand that the Bible says that Jesus is the Messiah who came to restore what was lost by Adam?

What Now?

(Please Check)

- ___ I want to know more about God's love and grace as demonstrated in the life of Jesus Christ.
- ___ I want to explore more how I can be restored to God's original plan for humanity.
- ___ I am committed to spending the time that I need to learn more about Jesus Christ and His Messianic work (by studying with this group every week).