① THE KEY TO THE HOUSE of David- POSSIBLE LINK

- The Great Commission given in John could relate to...
★ A fulfillment of a prophecy in Is. 22:22

The prophecy in Is. 22 speaks of
- coming Judgment to Jerusalem
- A Day of Trouble - v.5
- A Day God removes protection - 8
★ Because they looked to the House of the Forest (The Temple)
- Instead of looking to its Maker - 9
- So God called for weeping - v.12 and for mourning
- But instead, got joy ; gladness, v.13 eating meat ; drinking wine
- The people said, "Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die. v.13
- So God said, "surely, for your iniquity (and refusal to repent - v.12) there will be NO atonement for you v.14
- How does this prophecy relate to the Great Commission to Christians?
- The Prophecy goes on...
- Go tell Shebna (the Royal Priest) v.15
- You are being punished and thrown away violently v.17
- You are the shame of your master's House and God will v.18 Drive you out of office v.19
- It shall be in that Day v. 20-23
- I will call My servant Eliakim (another Priest to the King Hezekiah)
- I will clothe him w/ Your robe and commit your responsibilities into his hand...
- a changing of the Royal Priest

- He shall be a father to Jerusalem cf. Is. 9:6->
★ The Key of the House of David I will lay on his shoulder.
- So he shall open and no one will shut, and He shall shut and no one shall open. - Isa 22:22 ref. to Zion, Temple Mount, Temple Mt. Palace
- I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place and he will become a glorious throne to his father's house
★ Now, when the prophecy mentions "open" and "shut"
- this is typically (in a Jewish context) referring to allowing OR Excluding People from the King's presence
- authority to Grant OR Deny access
- Can we be positive the Isaiah prophecy is speaking of Jesus?
- Yes... "And to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write, 'these things says He who is Holy, He who is true, He who has the Key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and can shut and no one opens' " Rev. 3:7
- Also, very interesting, is that another similar phraseology is: "Binding and loosing"
- which describes the activity of a judge who decides a person innocent OR guilty
- this authority given from Jesus to Peter (Matt 16) and to all the apostles (Matt 18) "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind (hold accountable) on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose (forgive) on earth will be loosed in heaven"
- loosed from their sins OR Matt 16:19
- Bound to their punishment of sins
★ authority given to all Believers - Matt 18:18
★ So, this aspect of the Great Comm. was prophesized... Believers, through Jesus!... retain/bind/shut access to the Kingdom ; forgive/loose sins ; access to God

② THE DISCIPLES

v. 24 Now Thomas, called the twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
- No reason is given as to why Thomas wasn't present
- Thomas is sometimes called Didymus = TWIN

v.25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord!" So he said to them, "unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will NOT Believe.
- Thomas did seem to have a pessimistic response at times
- Regarding Jesus' teaching before Raising Lazarus, Thomas said, "Let us also go so we may die w/ Him" John 11:16
- Regarding Jesus leaving and it being better, Thomas said, "we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?" John 14:5
- Here though, Thomas demands both visual and tactile proof. (see and Touch Him)

v.26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut and stood in the midst...
- almost an exact repeat of the first encounter w/o Thomas
- Also notice, this is Sunday night again... 8 days later... night is a new day

TELL THOMAS

v.26 and Jesus said, "Peace to you!"
- Remember, Jesus says this 3 times v. 19, 21, and 26

Εἰρήνη : Peace, harmony, Tranquility - absence of worry

v.27 Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here and look at My hands, and reach your hand here and put it into My side.
- Jesus offered Thomas' request to "see" and "Touch."
- Jesus also proves He hears us even when not physically present.
- Jesus also removes ALL possible grounds of unbelief.

v.27 Do not be unbelieving, BUT Believing
- cease being an unbeliever. ἄπιστος
- become a believer

ἄ/πιστος : continued/present tense

v.28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and My God!"
- seems Thomas did not need to touch the wounds...
- Jesus is BOTH LORD ; GOD

ὁ Κυριος ὁ Θεος

★ Nominative case, NOT VOCATIVE - main object
- You are the Lord of me Yelling and the God of me
★ Psalms call Yahweh Lord ; God

LXX: Κυριος Θεος

"Stir up Yourself and awake to my vindication, to my cause, my God and my Lord. (Lower case - Kupios) Vindicate me, O LORD (upper case Yahweh) Psalm 35:23-24

"Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Kupios) to the Glory of God the Father" Phil. 2:11

However... this is a direct Quote of fulfilled prophesy about Yahweh
Is. 45:23 Lord = LORD

v.29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have Believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, yet Believed."
- This is one of only two Beatitudes in John
- In the footwashing... being a servant... "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" John 13:17

μακάριος : blessed, well off, envied

- Remember though, all disciples did not believe until they saw Jesus
★ Jesus does make note that there will be a time when people will not "see" Him,
- yet will have to believe based on their word/Testimony

"whom having not seen, you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet Believing (πιστος), you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith - the salvation of your souls

★ The end = salvation/"saved" 1 Peter 1:8-9

③ Written TO MAKE BELIEVERS TO have LIFE

V. 30 And truly, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples

σημεον : symbolic event, indicator, miracle
- an event that signifies something
ex: Judas' kiss was a sign to identify Jesus, and to commit the betrayal
- Jesus did many miracles...
- Yet John only records 7 signs
- John also records 7 I am statements (7 miracles/signs = 7 I am statem.)
★ John hand selected these 7 signs so the reader would believe
- that Jesus is the Great I am
① I am the Bread of Life (John 6)
- Jesus fed 5,000
② I am the light of the world (8:12)
- Jesus gave sight to the blind man
③ I am the door to the sheep (10:7-9) Jesus healed the man at the pool
④ I am the Good Shepherd (10:11-14) Jesus healed the Nobleman's son
⑤ I am the resurrection ; the life (11:25) Jesus raised Lazarus
⑥ I am the way, the Truth, ; the life (14:6) Jesus walked on the sea
⑦ I am the TRUE Vine (15:1-5) - Jesus turned water into wine

v. 30 (other signs) which are not written in this book
- later on in the very last verse of the Gospel, John says "Jesus did so many other things, that if written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written" John 21:25

v. 31 But these are written that you may believe
- These specific signs have a purpose
- To Believe
- this Gospel was written to
1) make Believers
2) to encourage Believers to continue Believing
★ This is the purpose of the Book
- John wants us to believe two things

v. 31 That Jesus is the Christ - the Messiah AND

v. 31 Jesus is the Son of God the μονογενης only, unique, one of a kind, Kindred to God
★ The Son of God title was often given to the King of Israel - Ps. 2
★ Jesus is the TRUE KING - God's word in Flesh σαρξ
★ NOW, the Result of Believing that Jesus is the Messiah/Christ, God in flesh :

v. 31 and that believing, you may have life ζωη in His name

ζωη : Life, vitality, to live, spring to life
- and true life is only in His name
- by His power and authority...
★ which is promised to the Believer
"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" - John 1:4