

## JESUS OF NAZARETH, SAVIOR AND KING

from *MORMON DOCTRINE* by Elder Bruce R. McConkie

**AS FAR AS MAN IS CONCERNED, ALL THINGS CENTER IN CHRIST.** He is the Firstborn of the Father. By obedience and devotion to the truth, he became the Creator of this earth and he was then chosen to work out the infinite and eternal atonement, to come to this particular earth as the literal Son of the Father, and to put the whole plan of redemption, salvation, and exaltation in operation.

Christ was born into the world as the Son of Mary. In this life He received not of the fulness at the first, but went from grace to grace until, in the final triumph of the resurrection, He gained the fulness of all things; and all power was given Him both in heaven and on earth. He has all truth, all power, all knowledge; He comprehends all things, is infinite in all his attributes and powers; and He has given a law unto all things.

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- 6 He {Jesus Christ} that **ascended up** on high, as also he **descended below** all things, in that he comprehended all things, that he might be in all and through all things, **the light** of truth;
- 7 Which truth **shineth**. This is **the light** of Christ. As also he is in the **sun**....
- 8 As also he is in the **moon**, and is the **light** of the moon and the power thereof by which it was made;
- 9 As also the light of the **stars**, and the power thereof by which they were made;
- 10 And the earth also, and the power thereof, even the earth upon which you stand.
- 11 And the **light** which **shineth**, which giveth you **light**, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same **light** that quickeneth your understandings;
- 12 Which **light** proceedeth forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space---
- 13 The **light** which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed, even the power of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things.

from *HYMNS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS*

- “Love One Another”      As I have loved you, Love one another, This new commandment: **Love one another**.  
By this shall men know, Ye are my disciples, If you have love One to another.
- “The Lord is My Light”      The Lord is my **light**, my all and in all. There is in his sight, **No darkness** at all.  
He is my Redeemer, my Savior, and King. With Saints and with angels his praises I’ll sing.
- “O Little Town  
of Bethlehem”      O little town of Bethlehem, How **still** we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,  
The **silent stars** go by. Yet in thy **dark** streets **shineth**, the everlasting **Light**  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
- “Silent Night”      Silent night! Holy night! All is **calm**, all is **bright**. Round yon virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly **peace**, sleep in heavenly peace.  
... **Glories stream** from heaven afar  
... Son of God, **love’s pure light**. **Radiant beams** from thy holy face. . .

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**Elder Neal A. Maxwell:** I testify that Jesus is truly the Lord of the universe. Having purchased us with His atoning blood in the great and marvelous Atonement, Jesus thereby became our Lawgiver. It is by obedience to His laws and His commandments that we may return one day to His presence.

**Elder Richard G. Scott:** I testify that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is a resurrected being of perfect love and compassion. I witness that He gave His life that we might live eternally with Him and our Father in Heaven. I solemnly **witness that I know that the Savior lives**.

**Elder Russell M. Nelson:** It is He who has made it possible for us to dwell with God, with Him, and with our families eternally. This is His work and His glory. I love Him; I **testify of Him** and express my everlasting gratitude for Him now and forevermore.

**Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin:** I testify that when He walked the earth, thousands looked into His eyes—yearning for answers, yearning from release from suffering and grief, and with faith found healing, peace, and happiness. . . We know that no grief is so great, no pain so profound, no burden so unbearable that it is beyond His healing touch. He asks that we believe in Him, that we learn of Him, that we strive to follow His teachings.

**Elder L. Tom Perry:** I know that God lives. I know that we are all His children and that He loves us. I know that He sent His Son in the world to be an atoning sacrifice for all mankind. I know that He directed the Restoration of the gospel again here upon the earth through the ministry of Joseph Smith. I know that the any lasting joy and happiness we will ever find during our mortal experience will come by following the Savior. He lives.

**Elder Henry B. Eyring:** Every part of these temples and all that goes on inside them reflect the love of the Savior for us and our love for Him. I know that He lives. I know that Joseph Smith was His prophet. The Lord has entrusted the keys of the priesthood to His servants to bless us and our kindred dead and to finish the work for His glorious return. I know that is true, and it brings peace to my heart.

**Elder Robert D. Hales:** The Savior has the power to make our burdens light if we will turn to Him. . . My greatest desire is that my testimony might penetrate the hearts of those who hear it. I know that Jesus Christ lives. I know that He guides and directs His Church. He will see us through our trials and tribulations. He lives and knows and loves each one of us. He so much wants to bless us if we will come unto Him.

**Elder David B. Haight:** As we meet with people out in the world and bear testimony of a living God, I have that warm, comfortable feeling in my heart that He's real, that God lives, that He is our Father in Heaven, and that Jesus is the Christ. I know that that's true. I so bear my witness and my testimony that is burning in my heart.

**Elder Dallin H. Oaks:** In this year in which we celebrate the 2,000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of His birth, I add my testimony to that of His other Apostles. I testify that He lives and loves us. I testify that as the Light and Life of the World, He has provided the way for us to return to our heavenly home to enjoy the associations and highest blessings of God.

**Elder Jeffrey R. Holland:** I bear solemn witness that the Atonement of Jesus Christ is the compassionate foundation and central fact in God's eternal plan for our salvation and our happiness. . . I declare my wonder and awe, my adoration and apostolic witness of Him in His redeeming name.

**Elder Russel M. Ballard:** This is his gospel. He stands at the head. He lived for us, and He died for us because He loves us. I love Him more deeply and powerfully that I can find words to express. He is my Lord, my Savior, my Redeemer, and my Friend. I know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He lives and directs His Church today through His prophet and His Apostles. His great work will continue to roll forth until it fills the whole earth.

**President Boyd K. Packer:** I bear testimony that Jesus is the Christ. This is a supernal work; the mind of man could not have conceived it. It is true. Jesus is the Christ. He lives. He directs and leads this Church. Of this I bear testimony.

**President James E. Faust:** I recognize that I am a very ordinary man. Yet, I have a certain knowledge that Jesus of Nazareth is our Divine Savior. I know that He lives. I know that through the unspeakable agony of the Atonement, men and women, if they repent, can be forgiven of their sins. Because of the miracle of the Resurrection, all will rise from the dead. I feel His love and marvel at the price He paid for each of us

**President Thomas S. Monson:** It is my personal testimony that the Book of Mormon changes human lives. It is indeed another testament of Jesus Christ. . . I bear an apostolic witness that Jesus is the Savior of the world and that He and His Father appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith to usher in this dispensation of the fulness of times.

**President Gordon B. Hinckley:** How I love my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is He, Jesus Christ who stands at the head of this Church which bears His sacred name. He is watching over it. He is guiding it. Standing at the right hand of the Father. He directs this work. Unitedly, as His Apostles, authorized and commissioned by Him to do so, we bear our witness that He lives and that He will come again to claim His kingdom and rule as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Of this we are certain and bear apostolic testimony in His holy name, even the name of Jesus Christ.