

## **Sacrament Talk - 12-18-16**

### **Resurrection:**

Jesus Christ came to this earth, and accomplished everything his father needed him to do. He gave us the most precious gift that he could give. He performed the atonement. He suffered for our sins and our sorrows, he was crucified on the cross. 3 days later, he was resurrected. His body and spirit reunited, never to depart again. Jesus Christ overcame physical death and he provided a way for every single one of us to return to live with him and our father in heaven. Every person who has ever lived on this earth will be resurrected because of our Savior.

### **Jesus Christ's visit to the Americas**

- In 3 Nephi 11, the resurrected Savior appeared to the people in the Americas. They touched the wounds in his side, in his hands and his feet.
- "However dim our days may seem, they have been a lot darker for the Savior of the world. As a reminder of those days, Jesus has chosen, even in a resurrected, otherwise perfected body, to retain for the benefit of His disciples the wounds in His hands and in His feet and in His side--signs, if you will, that painful things happen even to the pure and the perfect; signs, if you will, that pain in this world is not evidence that God doesn't love you; signs, if you will, that problems pass and happiness can be ours. Remind others that it is the wounded Christ who is the Captain of our souls, He who yet bears the scars of our forgiveness, the lesions of His love and humility, the torn flesh of obedience and sacrifice. These wounds are the principal way we are to recognize Him when He comes. He may invite us forward, as He has invited others, to see and to feel those marks. If not before, then surely at that time, we will remember with Isaiah that it was for us that a God was 'despised and rejected ... ; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,' that 'he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed'"

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- Jesus Christ immediately taught them basic principles and ordinances of the gospel. The Lord described his doctrine as repentance and baptism.
- 3 Nephi 12:48 Therefore I would that ye should be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect.
- James E. Faust: "Perfection is an eternal goal. While we cannot be perfect in mortality, striving for it is a commandment which ultimately, through the Atonement, we can keep"
- The coming of the savior was tremendously amazing for the Nephites. There was unity and harmony for hundreds of years after Christ's coming to the Americas.

## **The Second Coming**

- When Jesus Christ comes to the earth again, he will do the following things:
- He will cleanse the earth
- He will judge his people
- He will usher in the millennium
- He will complete the first resurrection
- He will take His rightful place as King of heaven and earth.
- "When Jesus Christ first came to the earth, He did not come in glory. He was born in a lowly stable and laid in a manger of hay. He did not come with great armies as the Jews had expected of their Savior. Instead, He came saying, "Love your enemies, ... do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you" (Matthew 5:44). He was rejected and crucified. But He will not be rejected at His Second Coming, "for every ear shall hear it, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess" that Jesus is the Christ (D&C 88:104). He will be greeted as "Lord of lords, and King of kings" (Revelation 17:14). He will be called "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6)."

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