

Tomorrow Will Come and the Savior Will Be There

3 Nephi 19

Lesson 129

Suggested Hymn:
#142 Sweet Hour
of Prayer



Nephi

He was chosen by Jesus Christ to become one of the first of the Twelve disciples and baptized the other Twelve disciples

He raised his brother Timothy from the dead (3 Nephi 7:19; 19:4)

He performed miracles in the name of Jesus and ministered to the chosen as chief disciple by the resurrected Lord

Having lived in a peaceful land after Jesus' visit, he died "with the passing of the first generation from Christ" (4 Nephi 1:18) in about AD 60

He passed the sacred records over to his son, Nephi



Timothy and Jonas

Timothy was the brother of Nephi, son of Nephi

Timothy was one of the twelve disciples chosen by the resurrected Savior when He organized the Church among the remnant of Israel in ancient America

He was raised from the dead by Nephi



Jonas was the son of Timothy

Jonas was one of the twelve disciples—the second by this name—chosen by the resurrected Savior when He organized the Church among the remnant of Israel in ancient America



Mathoni, Mathonihah, Kumen, and Kumenonhi

Mathoni and Mathonihah were disciples chosen by the resurrected Savior when He organized His Church among the remnant of Israel in ancient America

They were brothers



Kumen and Kumenonhi were also chosen to be the Savior's disciples when He reorganized His Church among the remnant of Israel in ancient America



Jeremiah, Shemnon, Jonas, Zedekiah, and Isaiah

Also chosen by the Savior when He organized His Church among the remnant of Israel in ancient America were:

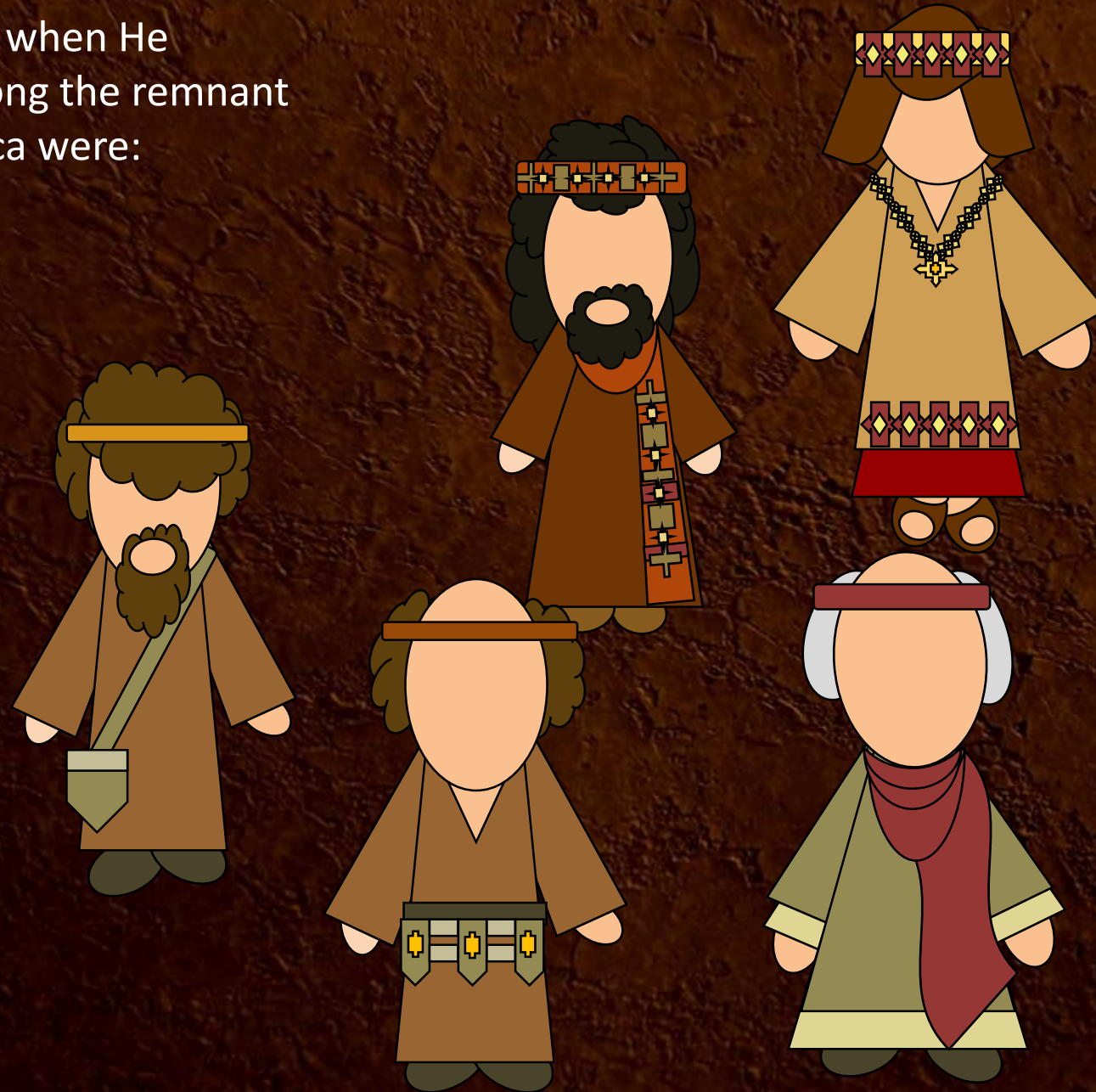
Jeremiah

Shemnon

Jonas

Zedekiah

Isaiah



Preparing to Meet the Savior

What would you do to prepare to meet the Savior?

How would you get there?



OR



Separated Into 12 Bodies

So numerous were the people when they returned the second day they had to separate into 12 divisions...



I am assuming each of the disciples had a congregation and taught the principles of the Savior

Nephite Apostles Are Baptized

Nephi received the authority from the Savior to baptize (3 Nephi 11:21)



“The record testifies that the greatest thing for which the disciples prayed was that they could receive the Holy Ghost and experience in their own lives what had been demonstrated by the Savior.”

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“The cleansing sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost not only spiritually prepared these disciples for (their upcoming ministry) but it also transfigured them so that they could endure the presence of glorified heavenly beings.”

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“And behold, they were encircled about as if it were by fire; and it came down from heaven, and the multitude did witness it, and did bear record; and angels did come down out of heaven and did minister unto them.”

Jesus Came and Stood in the Midst

“Jesus was present before them as the symbol of the Father. Seeing him, it was as though they saw the Father; praying to him, it was as though they prayed to the Father. It was a special and unique situation that as far as we know has taken place only once on earth during all the long ages of the Lord’s hand-dealings with his children.”
Bruce R. McConkie

“He that asketh in the Spirit asketh according to the will of God; wherefore it is done even as he asketh.”
D&C 46:30



**Faith and Spiritual
desire lead to one who
will commune with the
Father in prayer**

**We can be filled with the Holy
Ghost as we sincerely desire and
pray for His companionship and as
we participate in the ordinances of
the gospel.**



“The Holy Ghost ... is the source of our testimony of the Father and the Son. ...

“We need the Holy Ghost as our constant companion to help us make better choices in the decisions that confront us daily. ...

Companionship with the Spirit will give them [our youth] the strength to resist evil and, when necessary, repent and return to the strait and narrow path. ...

We all need the fortification available through the Holy Ghost. ... Having the gift of the Holy Ghost helps family members make wise choices—choices that will help them return with their families to their Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ, to live with Them eternally.”

Robert D. Hales



The Prayers

The Savior's first prayer:
3 Nephi 19:19–23

The disciples' prayer:
3 Nephi 19:24–26, 30

The Savior's second prayer:
3 Nephi 19:27–29

We should express gratitude to God in our prayers.

The Holy Ghost can help us know what to pray for.



If we pray with the Spirit, our prayers will not include vain repetitions.

The Lord blesses us when we pray without ceasing.

Literal and Symbolic Light

Disciples: Literal

Literal transfiguration –filled with light and their countenances shone with light like that of the Savior.



The Nephites: Symbolic

Feeling the Savior's perfect love for us

Like feeling the joy when you are serving others and obeying the commandments



White As White

White is the symbol of purity, virtue,
and cleanliness



“...Yea, and I beheld that
the fruit thereof was
white, to exceed all
the whiteness that I had
ever seen.”

1 Nephi 8:11

“But after repenting, and humbling himself sincerely,
through faith, God ministered unto him by an holy angel,
whose countenance was as lightning, and whose
garments were pure and white above all other
whiteness;”

D&C 20:6



3 Nephi 19:25

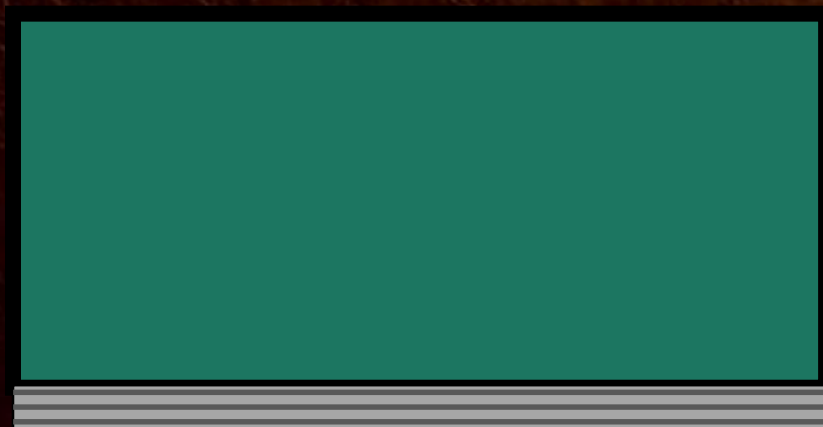
So Great the Words

Jesus gives the glory to His Father...not Himself

“Father, I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me out of the world, because of their faith, that they may be purified in me, that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one, that I may be glorified in them.”



“And tongue cannot speak the words which he prayed, neither can be written by man the words which he prayed. And the multitude did hear and do bear record; and their hearts were open and they did understand in their hearts the words which he prayed. Nevertheless, so great and marvelous were the words which he prayed that they cannot be written, neither can they be uttered by man.”



Miracles

“And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*.”

Mark 6:5



“As great as were the miracles performed by Jesus among the Jews during his mortal ministry, they could not compare with the marvelous things seen, heard, and experienced by the Nephites. The great miracle and spiritual manifestations to which the Nephites were witnesses came as a result of their faith. Where there is greater faith there are greater miracles and spiritual outpourings.”

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“And now, O all ye that have imagined up unto yourselves a god who can do no miracles, I would ask of you, have all these things passed, of which I have spoken? Has the end come yet? Behold I say unto you, Nay; and God has not ceased to be a God of miracles.”

Mormon 9:15.



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Baptize Anew 3 Nephi 19:10-13:

“There is nothing strange in the fact that when the Lord came to the Nephites, Nephi was baptized and so was everybody else although they had been baptized before.

“The Church among the Nephites before the coming of Christ was not in its fulness and was under the law of Moses. The Savior restored the fulness and gave to them all the ordinances and blessings of the gospel. Therefore, it actually became a new organization, and through baptism they came into it. [See 3 Nephi 9:15–22; 11:10–40; 12:18–19; 15:4–10.]

“We have a similar condition in this dispensation. The Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were baptized by command of the Angel John the Baptist [see Joseph Smith—History 1:68–72} Several others were baptized before the organization of the Church. However, on the day the church was organized, all who had been previously baptized were baptized again, not for the remission of sins, but for entrance into the Church. each case the reason was the same. [See Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, comp. Bruce R. McConkie (1955), 2:336.]” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Answers to Gospel Questions*, comp. Joseph Fielding Smith Jr. [1960], 3:205–6).

Pray Unto Jesus 3 Nephi 19:18, 22:

“There was a special reason why this was done in this instance and on a onetime basis. Jesus had already taught them to pray in his name to the Father, which they first did. ... Jesus was present before them as the symbol of the Father. Seeing him, it was as though they saw the Father; praying to him, it was as though they prayed to the Father. It was a special and unique situation” (Bruce R. McConkie, *The Promised Messiah: The First Coming of Christ*[1978], 560, 561).