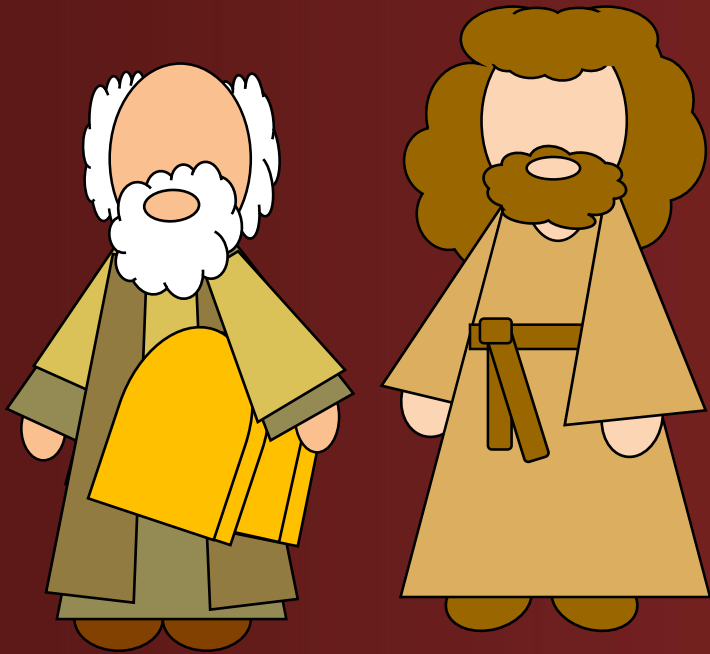
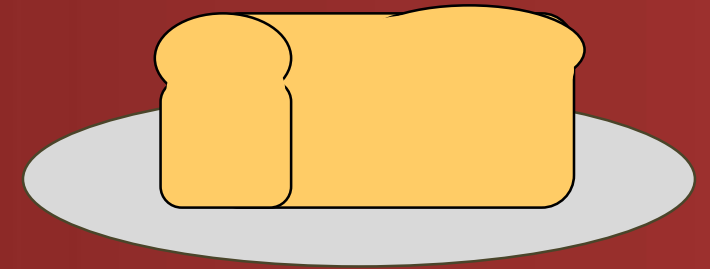


# Jesus is the Way

## John 6



**Including:  
Parallels of Moses and Jesus  
The Bread of Life**

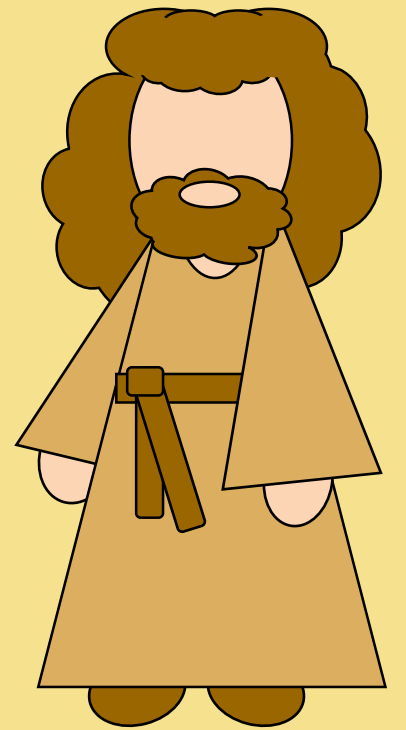


*A firm testimony of Jesus Christ will help us remain faithful during times when it may be difficult to follow the Savior or live His teachings.*

# **Parallels of the Exodus of Israel From Egypt and A New Exodus**



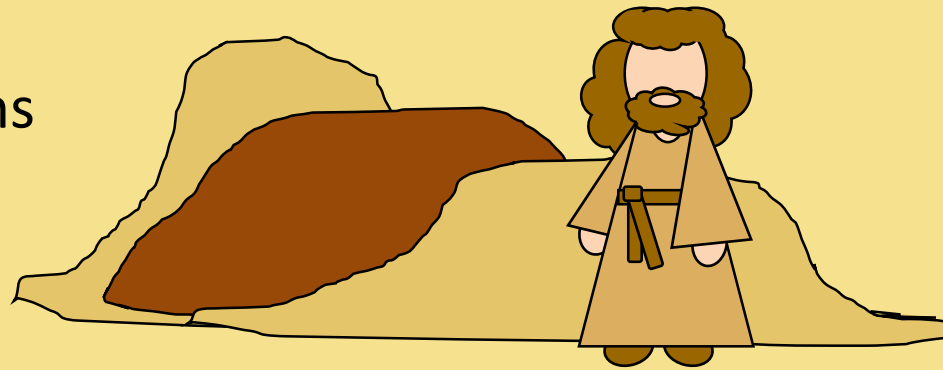
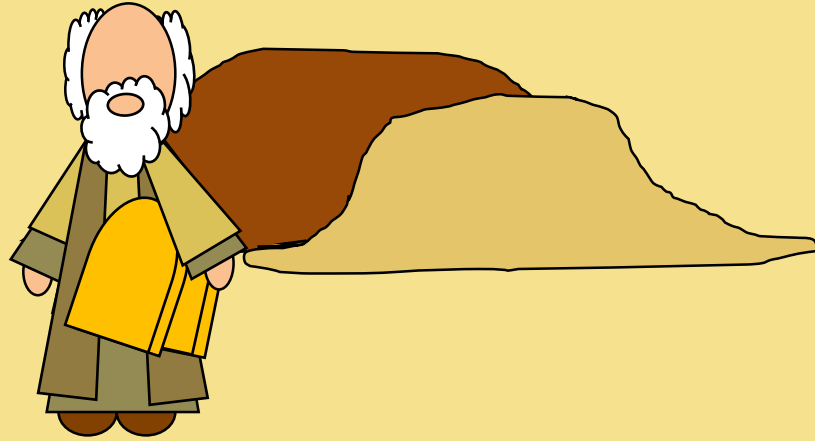
**John 6**



God led the children of  
Israel through the  
wilderness by the Red Sea  
Exodus 13:18

Moses "Came to the  
mountain of God"  
Exodus 3:1, 12  
Exodus 19:1-3

Jehovah multiplied signs  
and wonders  
Exodus 7:3  
Exodus 7-11

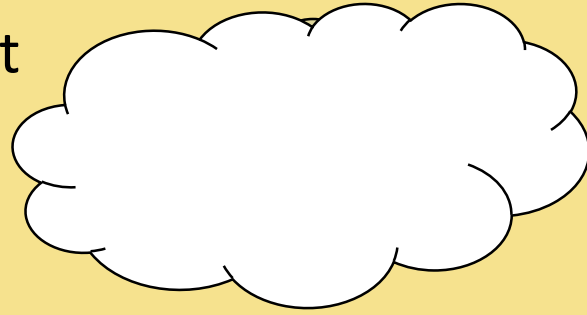


A multitude followed Jesus  
across the Sea of Galilee  
John 6:1-2

Jesus went into a mountain  
John 6:3,15

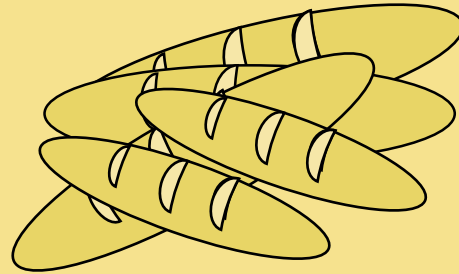
Many people followed Jesus  
because of signs  
John 6:2, 26, 30

The Lord instituted the Feast  
of the Passover  
Exodus 12



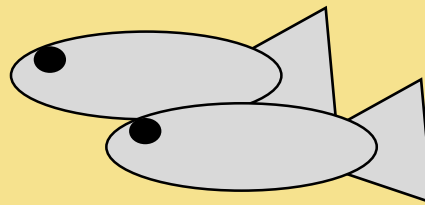
It was the time of the Passover  
John 6:4

God gave Israel manna or  
“bread from heaven  
Exodus 18:4, 3-35  
Deuteronomy 8:3



Jesus fed the multitude with five  
loaves and two fishes. He said, “I am  
the bread which came down from  
heaven”  
John 6:5-14  
John 6:41, 31-58

The Lord told the people to  
gather only what they  
needed each day so nothing  
was wasted  
Exodus 16:16-30



Jesus told the disciples to gather the  
fragments so that nothing was lost  
John 6:12

The Lord promised to raise up a Prophet like Moses  
Deuteronomy 18:15-18

The Lord saved the Israelites by parting the Red Sea; they walked through on dry ground.  
Exodus 14

The account emphasizes darkness and wind  
Exodus 14:20-21



The multitude recognized that Jesus was “that prophet”  
John 6:14

Jesus walked across the Sea of Galilee and saved the disciples from the storm  
John 6:16-21

This account also emphasizes darkness and wind  
John 6:17-18



Israel murmured against the Lord  
Exodus 15:24, 16:8, 17:3  
Numbers 11:4-6

Prophets testified concerning the  
significance of the Exodus

Exodus 14:31  
Number 20:12  
Deuteronomy 4:33, 35  
Isaiah 51:9-16, 52:1-6  
1 Nephi 17  
2 Nephi 25:20  
D&C 136:22



The multitude murmured  
against the Lord  
John 6:43, 61-66

Peter testified that Jesus has  
the “words of eternal life”  
John 6:68, 66-69



# FEEDING THE 5,000

After the Savior testified of His divinity at Jerusalem , He returned to Galilee, where He and His Apostles taught the gospel and healed many people Jesus then crossed the Sea of Galilee with His disciples and miraculously fed a multitude of more than 5,000 people



# TRYING TO MAKE JESUS KING

Following the feeding of the five thousand, the Savior was perhaps at the height of His public popularity.

John recorded that some sought to "take him by force, to make him a king"



What did Jesus do rather than allow the people to crown Him as their king?

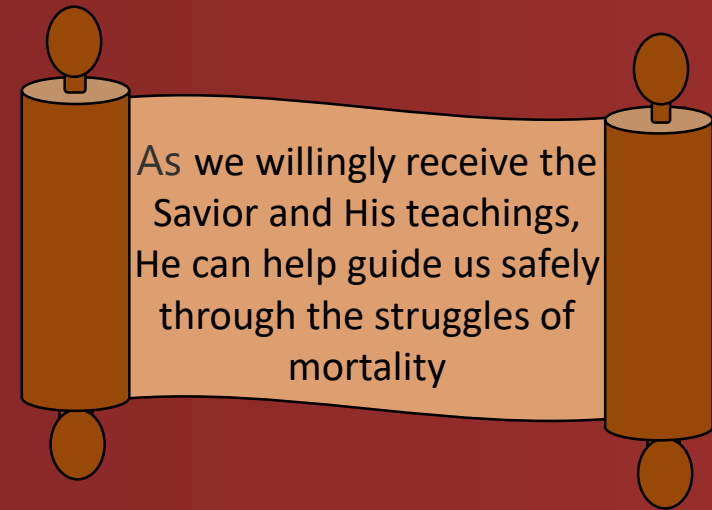


# JESUS WALKS UPON THE WATER



The Savior sent his disciples across the Sea of Galilee, and then late in the night as the disciples struggled to row against the waves and wind, Jesus walked across the sea to join them

John's account of this event emphasizes that when the disciples "willingly" received Jesus into their ship, they "immediately" landed safely at their destination.



THE SAVIOR OF THE  
WORLD, THE TRUTH,  
AND THE WAY



JOHN 1,4,6,8,11

# JOHN TESTIFIES OF CHRIST



“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,  
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND  
THE WORD WAS GOD.”

JOHN 1:1

JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY:

HE IS THE BEGINNING AND  
THE END



# TO JOSEPH SMITH

“I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA,  
CHRIST THE LORD; YEA, EVEN I  
AM HE, THE BEGINNING AND  
THE END, THE REDEEMER OF  
THE WORLD”



D&C 19:1

# TO THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

“BUT WHOSOEVER  
DRINKETH OF THE  
WATER THAT I SHALL  
GIVE HIM SHALL  
NEVER THIRST...”  
JOHN 4:14



JESUS OFFERS:

A WELL OF LIVING WATER...

EITHER WE DRINK AND NEVER  
THIRST MORE, OR WE DON'T  
AND FOOLISHLY REMAIN  
THIRSTY STILL.



# JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY:

## HE IS THE BREAD AND WATER

Meat = food

The living manna sent from God



Why did the people seek Him?

What did the Savior  
tell them they should  
be seeking?



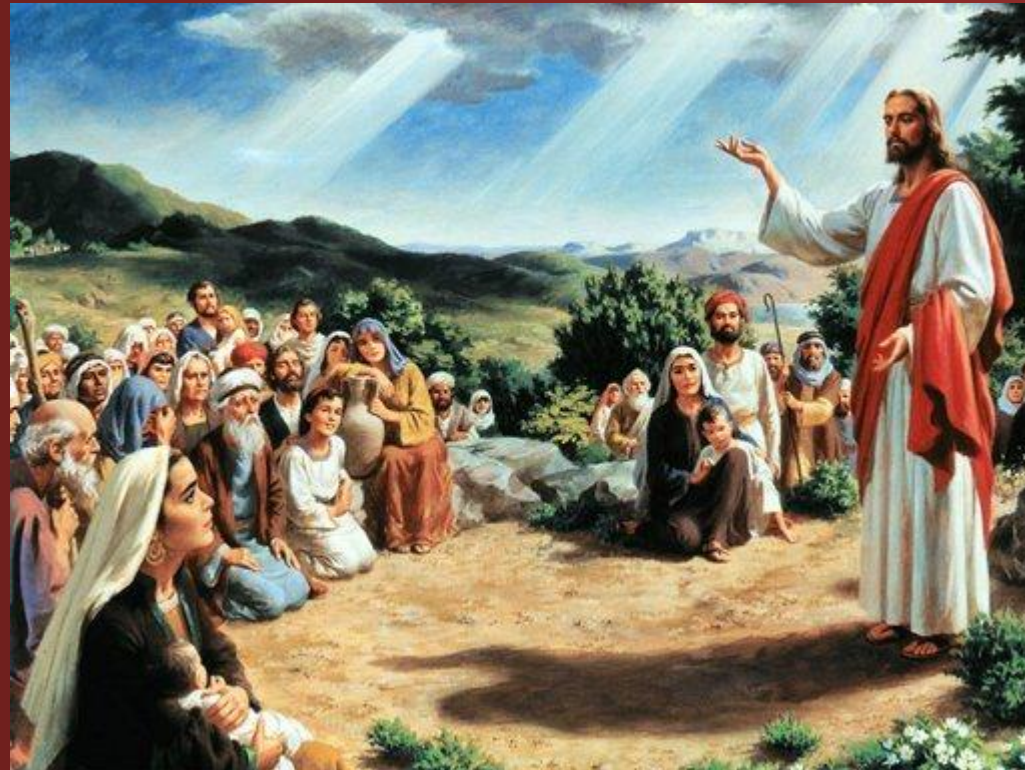
Manna was “bread from heaven” that God provided for the children of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness

JOHN 6:31



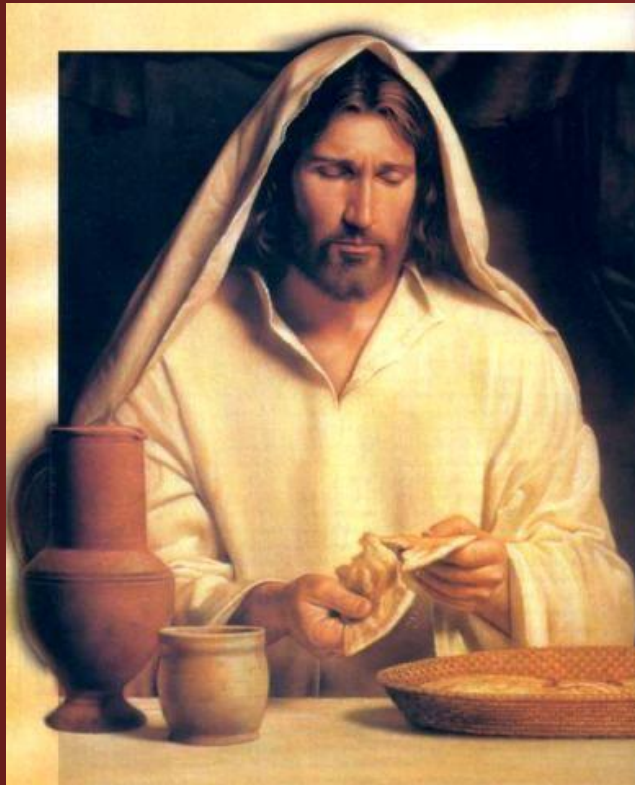
# TO THE JEWS IN CAPERNAUM

“...MY FATHER GIVETH YOU THE  
TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN.”  
JOHN 6:32



“..I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; HE  
THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL  
NEVER HUNGER; AND HE THAT  
BELIEVETH ON ME SHALL  
NEVER THIRST.”

JOHN 6:35



“FOR THE BREAD OF GOD IS HE  
WHICH COMETH DOWN FROM  
HEAVEN, AND GIVETH LIFE  
UNTO THE WORLD.”

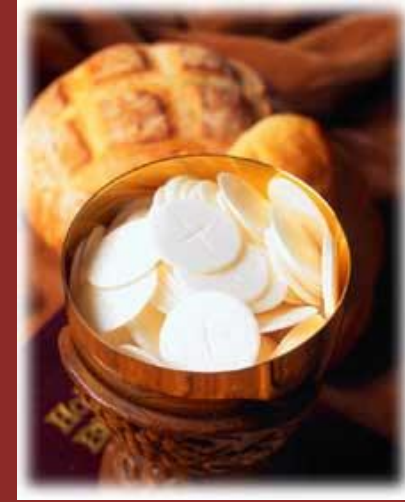
JOHN 6:33



JESUS OFFERS:

THE BREAD OF LIFE...

EITHER WE EAT AND HUNGER NO  
MORE, OR WE DON'T AND FOOLISHLY  
REMAIN WEAK AND HUNGRY STILL



Unlike the bread that  
can satisfy us only for a  
short time, Jesus Christ  
offers us blessings that  
will last forever

JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY:

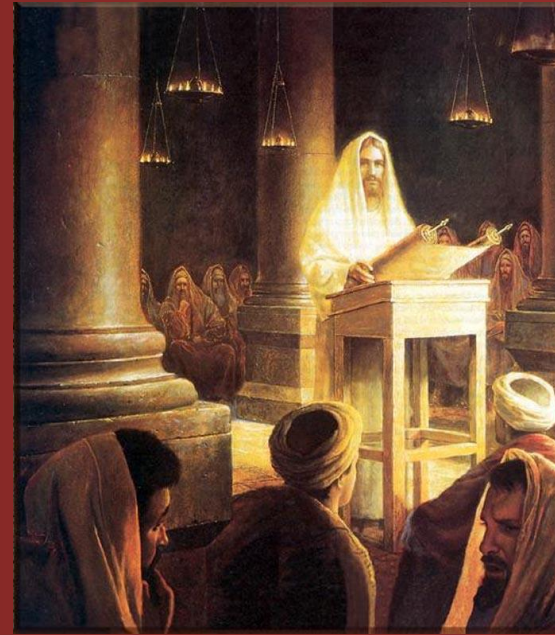
HE IS LIGHT AND LIFE

“IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE  
WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.”

JOHN 1:4



# TO THE PHARISEES



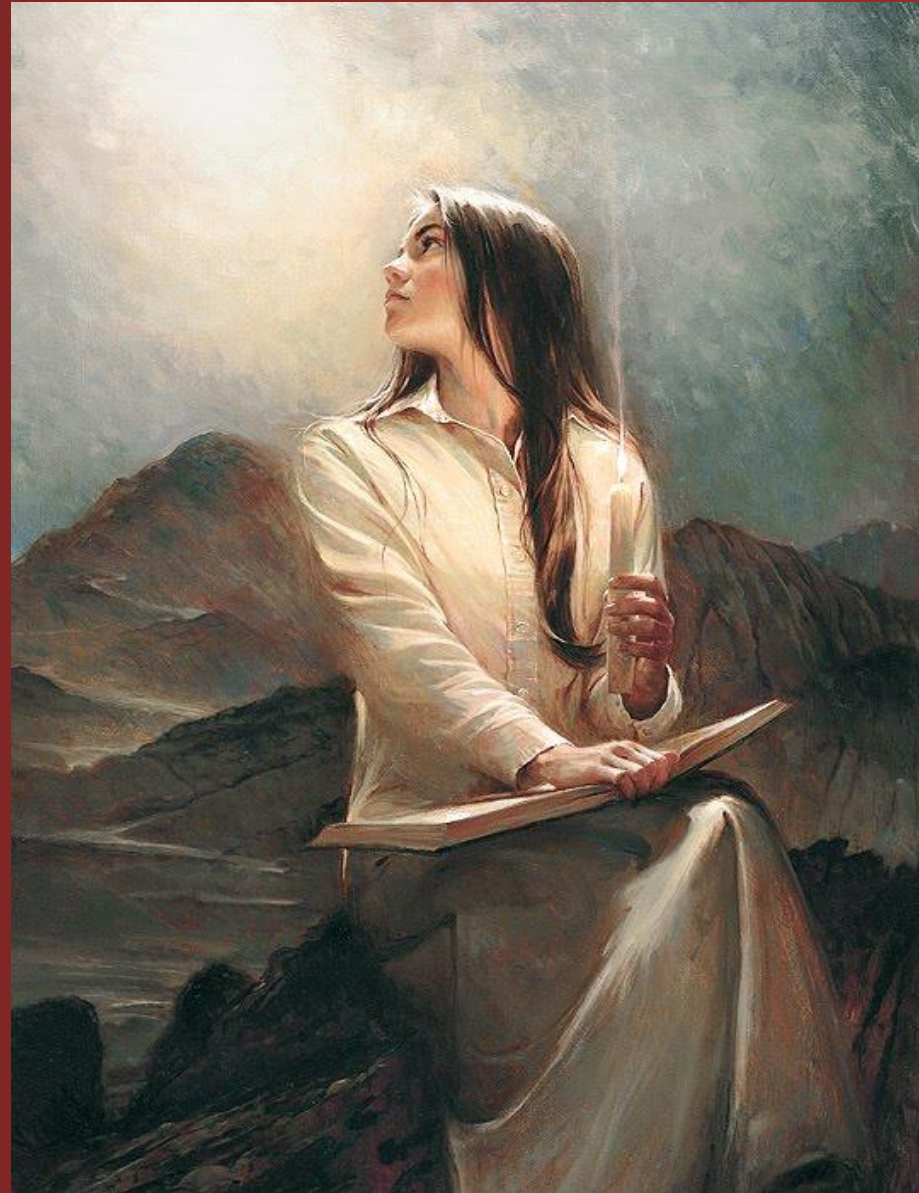
“...I AM THE LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD; HE THAT FOLLOWETH  
ME SHALL NOT WALK IN  
DARKNESS, BUT SHALL HAVE  
THE LIGHT OF LIFE”

JOHN 8:12

JESUS OFFERS:

THE LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD...

EITHER WE FOLLOW HIM  
AND SEE CLEARLY, OR  
WE DON'T AND  
FOOLISHLY REMAIN  
BLIND AND IN DARKNESS  
STILL





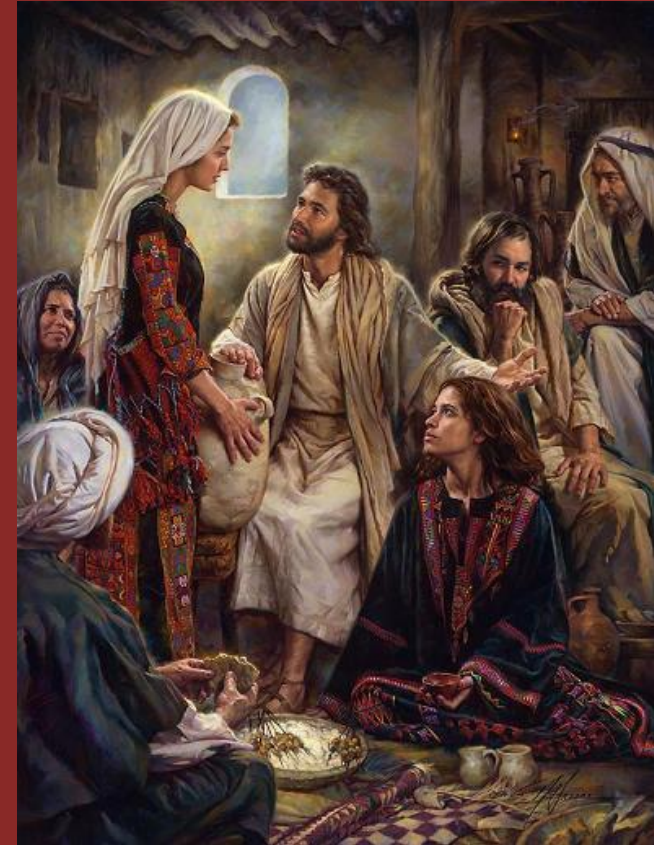
JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY:  
HE IS THE RESURRECTION AND  
THE LIFE



TO MARTHA:

“I AM THE RESURRECTION,  
AND THE LIFE; HE THAT  
BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH  
HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL  
HE LIVE...AND WHOSOEVER  
LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN  
ME SHALL NEVER DIE.”

JOHN 11:25-26

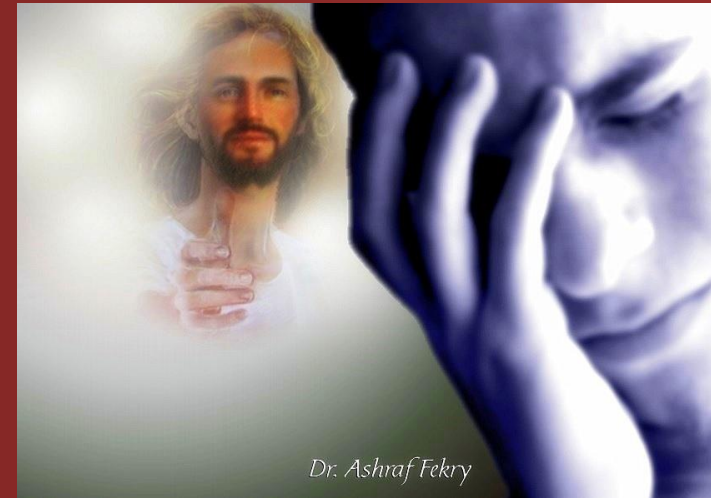


JESUS OFFERS:

RESURRECTION AND LIFE.

“THE WORDS THAT I  
SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY  
ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE  
LIFE.”

EITHER WE LEARN OF HIM  
AND HAVE LIFE MORE  
ABUNDANTLY, OR WE  
DON'T AND FOOLISHLY  
REMAIN DEAD STILL.



JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY:

HE IS THE TRUTH, AND THE  
WAY



# TO THE JEWS WHO BELIEVED HIM

“...IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED...AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.”

JOHN 8:31-32

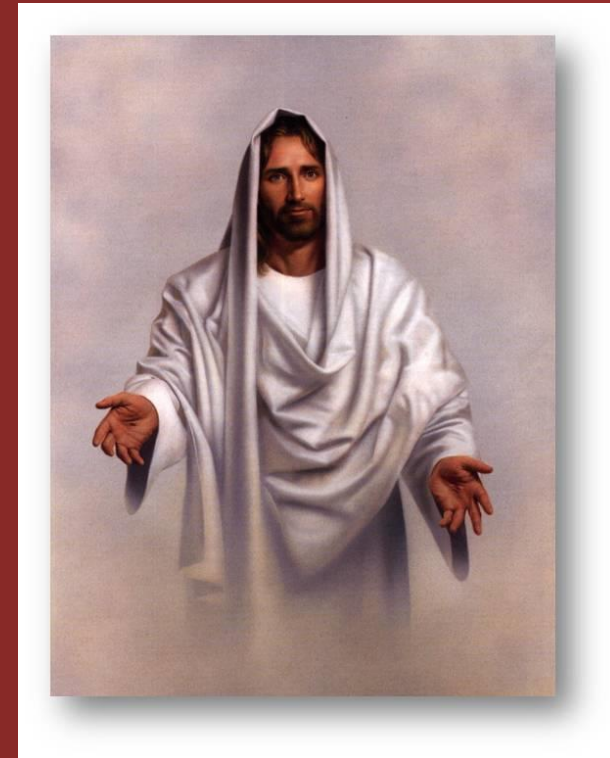


# TO THOMAS AND THE OTHER APOSTLES



“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH,  
AND THE LIFE; NO MAN  
COMETH UNTO THE  
FATHER, BUT BY ME.”

JOHN 14:6



JESUS OFFERS:

HIMSELF AS THE SAVIOR  
OF THE WORLD...

EITHER WE ACCEPT THE  
BLESSINGS OF HIS  
ATONEMENT AND ARE  
MADE CLEAN AND PURE,  
WORTHY TO HAVE HIS  
SPIRIT, OR WE DON'T AND  
FOOLISHLY REMAIN  
ALONE AND FILTHY STILL.

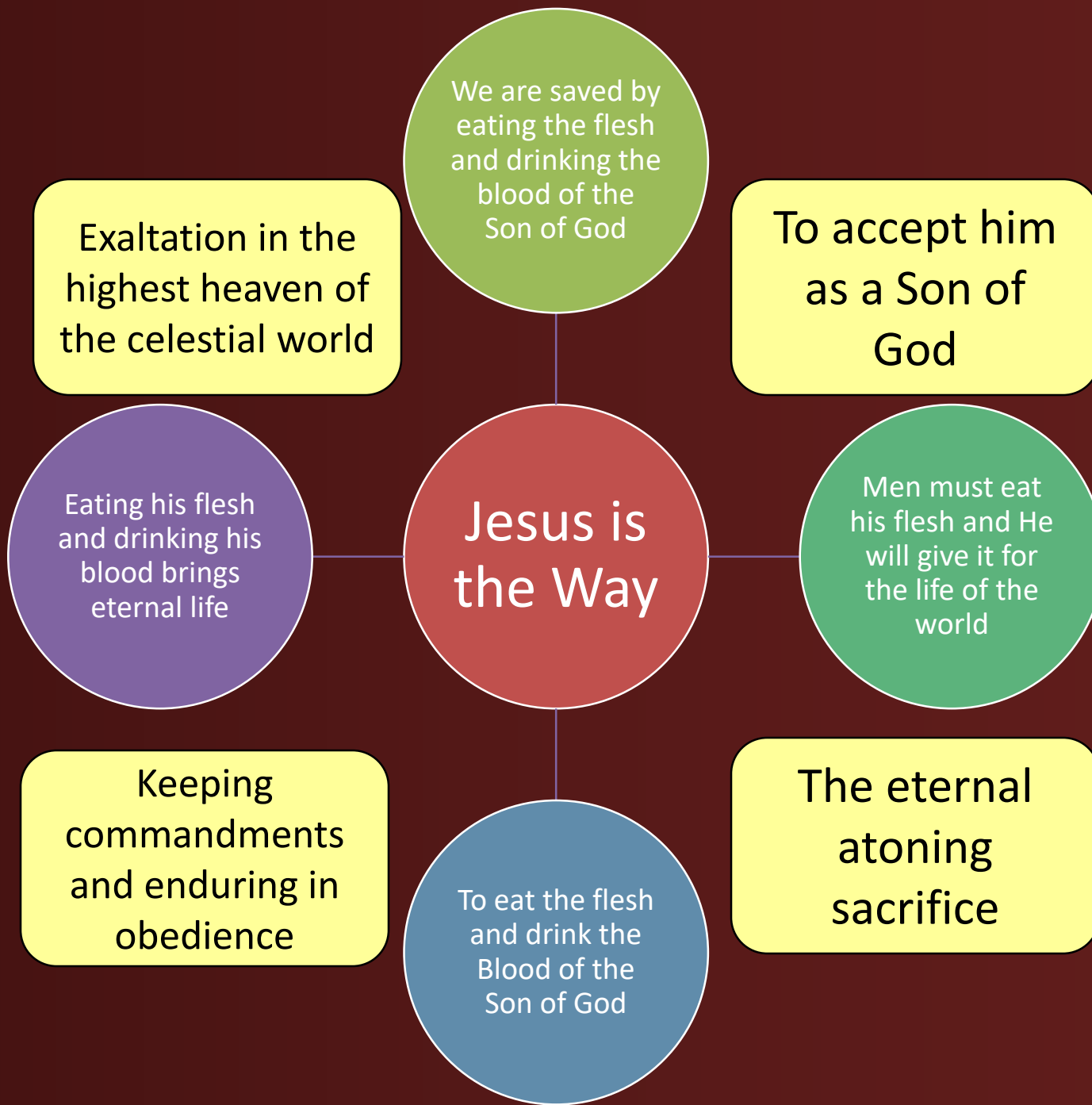


# WHAT THEN SHALL I DO?

WE CAN TAKE UPON US THE NAME  
OF THE SON, AND ALWAYS  
REMEMBER HIM AND KEEP HIS  
COMMANDMENTS WHICH HE HAS  
GIVEN US, THAT WE MAY ALWAYS  
HAVE HIS SPIRIT TO BE WITH US.  
D&C 20:77

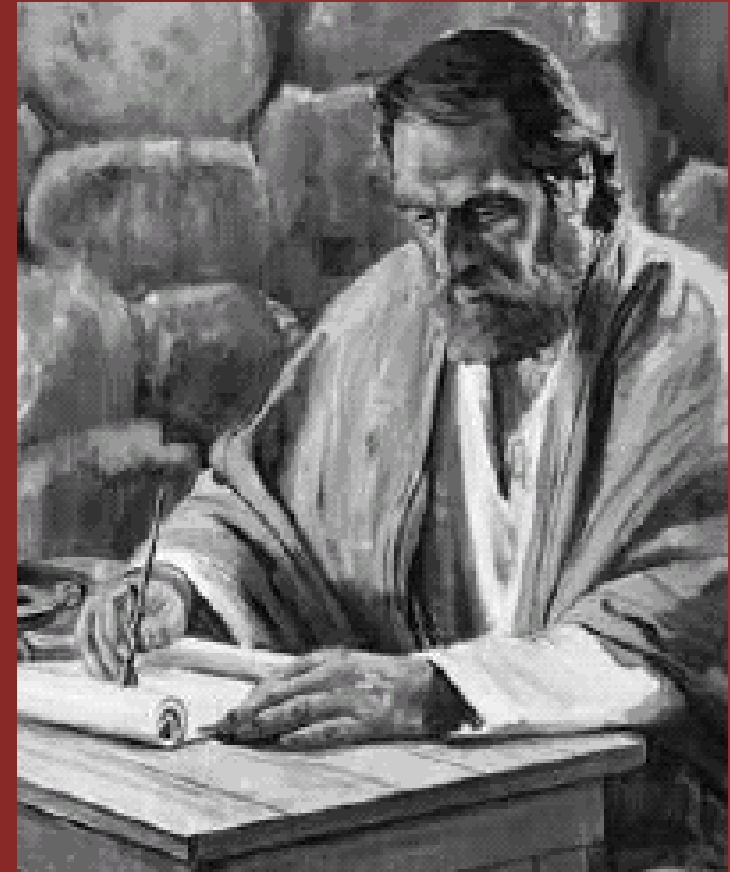






PAUL SAYS,  
“THEY ‘DID ALL EAT THE  
SAME SPIRITUAL MEAT; AND  
DID ALL DRINK THE SAME  
SPIRITUAL DRINK; FOR THEY  
DRANK OF THAT SPIRITUAL  
ROCK THAT FOLLOWED  
THEM: AND THAT ROCK WAS  
CHRIST.”

1 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4



# COME TO HIS SON

In His discourse to the Jewish leaders, the Savior highlighted ways God helps people come to His Son.

The Father will “draw” us to the Savior—to “draw” is to attract or to pull gently, as with “the enticings of the Holy Spirit”).

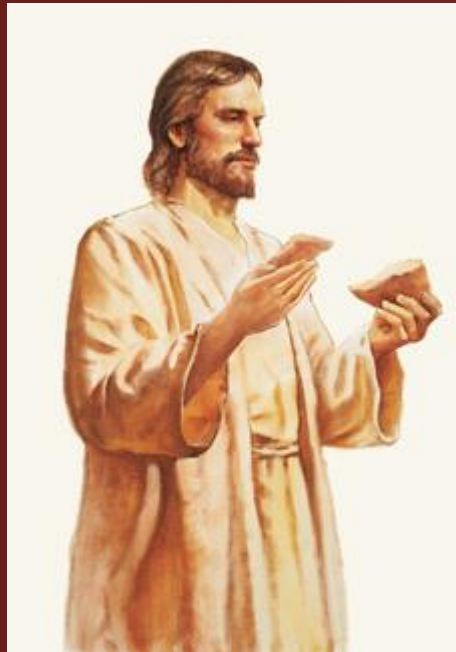
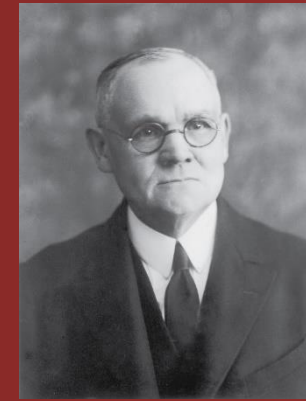
Also, we cannot come to the Savior unless it is “given” unto us by the Father.

To have faith or repentance “given” to us means receiving divine help to believe and follow Jesus Christ. (1)



# EAT OF THE FLESH AND DRINK OF THE BLOOD

“To eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ was and is to believe in and accept Him as the literal Son of God and Savior of the world, and to obey His commandments. By these means only may the Spirit of God become an abiding part of man’s individual being, even as the substance of the food he eats is assimilated with the tissues of his body.



*Del Parson*

“... The figure used by Jesus—that of eating His flesh and drinking His blood as typical of unqualified and absolute acceptance of Himself as the Savior of men—is of superlative import; for thereby are affirmed the divinity of His Person, and the fact of His preexistent and eternal Godship.

The sacrament of the Lord’s supper, established by the Savior on the night of His betrayal, perpetuates the symbolism of eating His flesh and drinking His blood, by the partaking of bread and wine in remembrance of Him. Acceptance of Jesus as the Christ implies obedience to the laws and ordinances of His gospel.”

# HARD SAYINGS

Why people abandoned Jesus and why we must be willing to accept the hard doctrines of the gospel, even when they are unpopular with the world...



Cath Riley



Dirk Dzimirsky



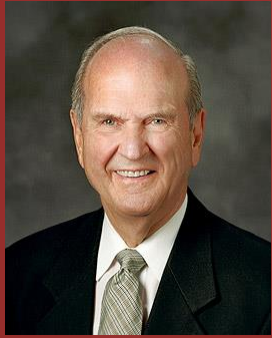
“...many of those who followed Him ‘went back, and walked no more with him.’

Once His doctrines really began to make demands of people, it was too much for many.

“There are equivalent ‘hard sayings’ about our secular societies that one hesitates to utter but which need to be heard. They are not popular. ... A truth may touch us, bore us, or merely make us uncomfortable. But those are reactions to truth, and reactions do not alter the reality of truth itself. ... Hard sayings ... when pondered, may make it easier to let go of the world. ...

Complexity is scarcely the cause, for the gospel is so plain and simple. Rather, the failure to comprehend seems to be rooted in a resolute refusal to let go of the world long enough to ponder the precious truths in the message of the Master.”

# POWER TO ENDURE



*...to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.*

*And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*



"Peter's answer defines the real core of commitment.

When we know without a doubt that Jesus is the Christ, we will want to stay with Him. When we are surely converted, the power to endure is ours."

Sources:

Suggested Hymn: #175 *O God, the Eternal Father* verses 1 and 4

Video: *I am the Bread of Life* (6:42)

*Daily Bread: Change* (3:00)



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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
The Twelve Apostles Return and Depart—Jesus is to Rest	14:13	6:30-33	9:10	6:1, 2
Jesus Feeds 5,000	14:14-21	6:34-44	9:11-17	6:3-14
Jesus Departs to the Mountain to Avoid Being Made King	14:22, 23	6:45, 46		6:15
Jesus Walks on Water	14:24-33	6:47-52		6:16-21
Jesus is the Bread of Life				6:22-59
Many Reject Jesus				6:60-71

#### Similarities between Moses and the Savior: (I AM):

Perhaps one of the most striking similarities between the ministries of Moses and the Savior is the use of “I Am” statements. When Moses asked the Lord what to say when the children of Israel asked for His name, the Lord responded, “I AM THAT I AM” (Exodus 3:13–14).

“I Am”—one of the names by which the Savior is known in the Old Testament—is recorded repeatedly by John, and Moses was told to use this name so the Israelites would know that Jehovah had spoken. John recorded that the Savior declared, “*I am* the bread of life” (John 6:35, 48, 51; italics added). He made other similar “I am” statements during His ministry (see John 8:12; 10:9, 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1). (1)

#### Tradition that the Messiah would come and feed: John 5:15:

“There was a tradition, taught by the Rabbis and firmly entrenched in the public mind, that when Messiah came, he would feed them with bread from heaven. ... It had even become a fixed belief that the Messiah, when He came, would signalize His advent by a repetition of this stupendous miracle. ‘As the first Saviour—the deliverer from Egyptian bondage,’ said the Rabbis, ‘caused manna to fall for Israel from heaven, so the second Saviour—the Messiah—will also cause manna to descend for them once more’ [Cunningham Geikie, *The Life and Words of Christ* (1886), 516–17].

“Thus, when Jesus multiplied the five barley loaves and the two small fishes, it was as though the traditional sign had been given. The peak of his popular appeal had come. In their eyes he stood on the summit. He was the Messiah, they reasoned, and must reign as their king” (*Mortal Messiah*, 2:367–68).

#### Bread:

As a common food staple in many cultures, bread serves as an ideal metaphor for the fundamental role the Savior and His teachings should have in our lives. As Jesus taught people about “the bread of life,” He drew upon the background of His listeners. He used their religious history as a teaching tool—the feeding of the five thousand and the Bread of Life discourse took place as the Jews were preparing for the Passover, during which the children of Israel ate unleavened bread in memory of their deliverance from Egypt and the manna that God had provided for them in the wilderness. He drew upon the people’s personal experience—many of those who listened to the Master on this occasion had also been among the five thousand who had eaten the bread He miraculously provided just the day before.

The Savior also drew upon his listeners’ geographical location—they were now hearing Him teach in Capernaum, a region that appears to have been associated with bread making; more remnants of grinding mills have been discovered at Capernaum than at any other place in Israel. When the crowd referred to the manna provided for Israel in the days of Moses, the Savior reminded them that the same God who had provided that “bread from heaven” now offered to them the “true bread from heaven” (John 6:32). Jesus had demonstrated that He could indeed provide for them temporally, but He was also “that bread of life” (John 6:48) who could give eternal life to those who would partake of the spiritual nourishment He now offered (see John 6:51).(1)