

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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 Message 53:3

Happy Easter

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Mosiah 16:8-9

But there is a resurrection, therefore the grave hath no victory, and the sting of death is swallowed up in Christ:

He is the light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened; yea, and also a life which is endless, that there can be no more death.



The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message

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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.

3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.

6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.

8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.

9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'

10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.

11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.

12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.

13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.

14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the

world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends The True Brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein The Divine Command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17. We believe that all men are Stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of Stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of The Common Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy The Bounty and Gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.

19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by The General Bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of The Church. The temporal affairs of The Local Churches shall be Administered by local Bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.

20. We believe that marriage is Ordained of God, and that The Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.

22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.

23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.

24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53:3, 'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that **THE GREATER LIGHT** might come to them.'

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His

Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men.'

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *The*

Church of Christ might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us *The Word Of The Lord* that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate *The Greater Light*.

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**THE MESSAGE OF
CHRIST TODAY
To All People**

Fifty-Ninth Message

On Wednesday morning, January 27, 1943, the Messenger John, appeared in my room at 1:15 a.m. And said "Fear not, I will come again." In a few seconds he was gone, and again on January 29, 1943, John the Baptist, the same Messenger of the Lord, appeared to me at my room, 520 West Lexington Avenues, Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. He spoke slowly and distinctly. I wrote as he gave it. He left at 2:30 a.m.

-W.A. Draves

1. "Behold I come to you again. Arise and take the Message I will give you.

2. I am your fellow servant, and my name is John. I am the Messenger of the Lord. I have come in the past, and I shall come to you in the future. Fear not, for this is the Lord's Work, and I have come at His appointing. I have come to you and not to others, this is your calling. Therefore, be faithful and true, and deny not my coming.

3. I have brought a warning of Christ's soon coming, and the authority that the Church may be established as the Lord would have it, that mankind might find a Way of Redemption. For salvation only comes to those that are humble and full of love and obey the Will of the Lord. My message is one of love to those that heed and obey it.

4. I cried repentance in the days that are past, my message is repentance today. Let all men repent of their sins and selfish ways, for sin cannot receive the Glory of God nor the Power of the Lamb slain.. Ex-

cept they repent they cannot be redeemed from that awful state. For the Lord has prepared the Way of Redemption and He has spoken. It is Christ's Words that shall judge all men, Therefore, He cannot use man of His own way, for man's heart is filled with selfishness.

5. Preach repentance and baptism, that the honest of heart come unto the Lord. This Message is to all nations. Contend not over the evils of man, but send the Message I bring to the ends of the earth. Many shall yet turn to serve the Lord with full purpose of heart.

6. I have warned you, that you have no part in contention, for contention will darken the mind. Heed the instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I speak to you I speak to all.

7. There are those that have prayed that I come. In the anguish and distress of their souls the Lord has heard their cry for He knows the prayers that are of the heart. Man cannot glory of himself in this Work.

8. There are those that have been true and will yet be true. The Lord will bless them greatly in His sight and in this Work. There are those that betray one another and have not been true. Their hearts are filled with selfishness, greed jealousy and hate. They despise you and the message I bring.

9. While there are those that are true much has not been done that I have instructed. Let them speedily carry on the instructions I have brought and bring from time to time from the Lord God. For I speak His Words and His Will and it shall be done.

10. The Lord is the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth on Him and obeys His Will shall have right to the Tree of Life and to eternity, and in them shall be

seen the Glory of God, for Christ came to redeem and to provide the Way. Therefore, I come to point the Way and that The Church of Christ, the Lamb's Bride, may be prepared to meet Him when He comes, when all men will live to serve the Lord, that the Millennium reign shall be. And the great day of the Lord shall come, when all the earth shall rejoice and be glad for a new Heaven and a new Earth shall be in the Lord's planning.

11. Send the Message to the Church and to all. This is the Way for mankind to find eternal peace, to endure to the end.

12. There are those you love who will turn against you and make offense for a word. Some will repent, others will go to destruction; some their end will be sad. Yet the Work of the Lord shall go on for they must know the Lord has spoken.

13. Let the Messages I bring be published. Let them go to all the world. Fear not man, nor his ways. Some the Lord has entrusted with responsibility, know not His Spirit nor His goodness. Have no part with those that oppose and deny my coming for they deny the authority and trust the Lord has given them and the Lord will call others to take their places that the Work may go on.

14. Let those that oppose and hinder have no part in this Work for they are not of the faithful and will not be of the Bride of Christ.

15. The Lord has spoken and plead with many but there are those in their selfish way who set themselves up and seek to destroy the truth and the good of this Work. While others heed and obey and work with all their might to carry on the Lord's Work. Let them be not discouraged, but let them continue and the Spirit shall comfort them

and bring the greater peace, for the Lord knows the hearts that are honest. Though you may be hated by loved ones and those you labor among, deny not this Work nor the Message I bring for it is to all mankind in all the world, and those that heed and obey, enduring unto the end the same shall be the Bride of Christ.

16. Teach men everywhere faith, repentance, and baptisms. Let the hands be laid on all that the Plan of God may be complete and that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit to dwell with them.

17. Fear not what men may say of you, but be true and humble and the faithful will uphold you.

18. This is the Lord's Work and I am His Messenger sent to bring the warning. Will mankind heed it that their feet may be guided in the Way of Peace and away from the shadow of death out of confusion and darkness into Life eternal?

19. 'Hear ye! And let humility be you mantle and ye shall no more be confounded, for I come,' saith the Lord, 'that deliverance might be.'

20. Publish this Message with the rest. Withhold them not.

21. I will come again and direct in this Work. Be humble, be at peace, let love fill your lives and humility be the mantle for all.

22. To you my fellow servant, the Lord knows your heart, and repentance. Be not deceived by man, be obedient, trusting the Lord and He shall be your strength. I speak to you, and for all that mankind may know the Lord has spoken.

23. The days of judgment are upon all men and a Way of Deliverance for the just shall be. Watch against the days to come. Pray always. Amen"

Articles

What Was Witnessed in Heaven

What was witnessed in heaven?

Why an angel earthly bound.

Had he something in his bringing?

Yes – the Gospel's joyful sound.

It was to be preached in power,

Upon the Earth the angel said,

To all men, all tongues and nations,

That upon its face are spread.

Had we not before the Gospel?

Yes – had several taught by men.

Then what is the latter Gospel?

'Tis the first one come again.

This was preached by Paul and Peter,

And Jesus Christ, the head.

This we latter saints are preaching,

We their footsteps wish to tread.

Where so long had been the Gospel.

Did it ever fall away?

What became of those neglected?

God is just, is all we say.

Seek no crop where none is planted,

Nor a day where reigns the night.

Now the sunshine bright is beaming,

Let all churches see aright.

For 'tis the very John the Baptist,

Down to earth has made his flight.

He has come as the very Elias,

To set all Christendom, aright,

The Gospel with angelic admonition –

'Tis deliverance, and the way.

The gate is baptism through the water,

To bring us to that Eternal day.

W. A. Draves

Easter

Oladawn Thompson

Jesus was in the upper room with His Disciples. Oh how He Loved them and for almost three years they traveled with Jesus through the country side, teaching people about God's Love and His Laws. Jesus taught them many things and now He wondered if they understood what was before them. *Were they strong enough to carry on God's Work?*

Jesus picked up a loaf of bread and He Blessed it and He tore a piece for each of them and He said, ***'This Bread is like my Body, It will be broken for you, take it and eat it and in the days to come break Bread among yourselves to remember Me.'***

His Disciples were puzzled. *What did He mean breaking His Body and how could they forget their Master?*

Next Jesus poured a cup of Wine and He Blessed it and held it up before them and said, ***'This Wine is like My Blood, that will be shed for the sins of the world, Drink of it all of you. Then He told them He could be with them only a little while longer and He gave them a New Commandment. To Love one another as I have Loved you. Everyone will know you are My Disciples if you Love one another.'***

Peter ask The Lord *where are you going?* I will go with you also. I will follow you no matter what! Jesus said, ***'Peter where I am going you cannot follow, I go to prepare a place for you then I will come back. For a time you will be sad, then your sadness will turn to Joy!'***

Jesus said these things hoping that they would understand about His Death and His Resurrection.

After a time of Prayer, three Disciples

went with Jesus to a Garden to Pray; some stayed behind. Judas went to the Elders of Jerusalem and told them where Jesus was for thirty pieces of silver. He betrayed His Lord. While Jesus was in The Garden, Judas walked up and kissed Jesus, and the soldiers arrested Him.

Now the people that laid down palm leaves and giving alms to Him only a few days before, was now yelling *'Crucify Him' 'Kill Him'!* He claims to be *The Son of God. Our Law says He must die'*. Pilate, the Roman Ruler, knows Jesus had not done any wrong, but he did not want to anger the people so he turned Jesus over to the soldiers. They whipped Him with a leather strap, breaking His Skin. He bleed but He never cried out. They striped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe and they planted a crown of thorns upon His Head and they mocked Him saying *'HAIL, THE KING OF THE JEWS!'* And they spit on Him and took a reed and hit Him on The Head. After they mocked Him they took off the robe and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to be Crucify.

They ordered Jesus to carry His own Cross out of the city to a place called Golgotha. The people were silent as He passed by. He became weak and a man called Simon took up The Cross and carried it.

On the hill side, soldiers nailed Jesus on The Cross and raised it up. Three hours Jesus hung suffering. Someone in the crowd yelled, *'If you are God's Son save yourself!'* Jesus looked to the sky and He said, ***'Father forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.'*** By late afternoon, black clouds had gather and the veil of The Temple was torn in the middle and Jesus cried with a loud voice, ***'Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit.'***

Now, three days later, Mary and other

women went to The Tomb where Jesus was Laid to prepare His Body. They were concerned how they would roll the stone away to get into The Tomb and hoped the guards would help them, but when they arrived to The Tomb they found it empty and a Bright Light shown all around. They thought someone had stolen The Body of Jesus. But Behold, two men stood by them in Shinning Garments and they ask them, 'why Seek ye The Living among the dead?' Don't you remember that The Son of Man must be Delivered into the hands of sinful men and be Crucified and the third day Rise again.

A Dream

Ashley Beckham

I had just a fragment of a dream last night that I wanted to share with you. I was back in Independence, walking around the Temple Lot in the snow like I did earlier this year. As I walked, the noise from the traffic around was gradually silenced, and I felt at peace. Then I heard a noise as if something incredibly heavy was being moved and the earth shook. I lost my balance and rolled down the slight incline into the street. I turned to see the Temple rising from the ground. It was beautiful. The sun shone on the grey stone columns and the copper doors and roof. It grew brighter, and I realized that the light wasn't just from the sun. A greater light was coming over the eastern horizon and moving quickly towards me like another sun. It grew so bright that I had to shield my eyes. The light opened the Temple doors with a noise that could be heard around the world, and was so loud that it woke me up.

Where is the House Built Unto Me

Richard Johnson

Message 12:1 "I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building the Temple, and the organization of The Church of Christ, and reestablishing it again in its fullness, that the church may again receive the power and Holy Ghost as in the days of old, and that as on the day of Pentecost, the servants of the Lord may be filled with the Spirit of God, that they may take the message of the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth, for the Lord has reserved unto Himself this remnant on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order.

Message 28:6...To all nations you must carry the Message and warning I have sent, and the gathering of My people from all nations to this land, and the Jew to his land, that Israel receive her portion as I have promised them.

Message 57:10... The Church of Christ shall continue on until the Christ shall come, the Temple built and the gathering complete...

Message 95:11 Where are the men of renown? Where are those of wisdom? Who knoweth the full plan of God? Who will prepare? Who will qualify to be leaders and carry this work on?

Message 111:3 Lo, the Lord is grieved because of the churches, the people called restoration, not heeding the plan of God; the authority I bring; nor the instructions even of the prophets of old; nor Christ's words—pertaining to the Temple of the Lord, the sanctuary of the Lord.

Message 111:4 Thus saith the Lord, 'Where is the house built unto Me? You live

in your sealed houses — with sealed set minds — established in your own man made and evil doctrines. Even establishing false teachings of how the God of heaven, creator of the universe is to speak to mankind. Ignoring the plan of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. Therefore your failure is in not hearing the truth as it comes, making The Word of the Lord of none effect.

Message 114:11...Little by little have I spoken; here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept. How long I have spoken. Will the world hear it? Will the people hear it?

Who Will Build the Temple of God on Earth?

AFP 23 We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue, and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.

24 We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land “unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple lot. (Ether 13:4-8, 3Nephi 10:17).

On July 20, 1831 Joseph Smith recorded a revelation identifying Independence, Missouri, as "the center place; and a spot for the temple is lying westward, upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse." Joseph and Sidney Rigdon dedicated a site for the temple on August 3, 1831.(Two weeks later).

On February 4, 1927 the servant and

angel of the Lord John the Baptist first appeared to Otto Fetting, a member and apostle of the Church of Christ (Temple lot).

This group dates back to the early fifties, when it was formed near Bloomington, Illinois, by merging parts of small branches composed of almost exclusively of persons who had been baptized during the life time of Joseph. Some of these early members were officers of the Church since almost a year or so of its organization in 1830. *They maintained they were waiting for divine direction from the one mighty and strong prophesied by Joseph Smith in 1832 who would set the church in order.*

Otto Fetting was one of this remnant the Lord had reserved unto Himself on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order and chosen to represent Christ and His Church as He established it when He was here. (Message 5:2)

Here is what the angel spoke to Otto Fetting on this first visit:

Message 1:1 “Don’t change The Articles of Faith and Practice, because the Lord inspired the men that wrote them. See to it that they are not changed.

2 The revelation that was given for the building of the Temple was true and the Temple soon will be started. 4 *The Temple will be built, if not by the people in charge, the Lord will raise up a people that will build it*. 5 *The coming of Christ is near at hand and Christ will not delay His coming because of the unfaithfulness of the people.*

Message 6:1 The Temple must be built, but it will be built through great tribulation, when trying times will be on the earth; and because of the iniquity that shall be in the hearts of men, many shall have no faith in the Gospel of Christ. God will chasten many, for He wants a tried people.

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great

tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (The days of Tribulation will be shortened).

Deuteronomy 4:30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, [even] in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice; (For the LORD thy God [is] a merciful God;) *he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.*

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Message 48:14 *The evil one shall not destroy the elect...The wicked destroy themselves, and the just live by faith.*

Message 52:8 All evil shall be destroyed and the earth shall be restored to its former beauty for the time will be shortened, that the elect of the Lord may be saved. They shall find safety in the Lord in obedience to His will. *Sin will not have hold on them and they shall be preserved and arrayed in peace. But the waters of the wicked shall be burned up and their idols shall melt away.* For the Lord is God— He is God.

1Nephi 12:16 Nehpi saw the fountain and river of filthy waters...even the river... and the depths thereof are the depths of hell. (1 Nephi 15:26-36)

Moroni 7:11 A bitter fountain cannot

bring forth good water. (sin, chaos, death).

Message 85:23 *Flesh death and sin must come to an end for the quickening Spirit of God to rule and dwell in mankind in righteousness.* (Isaiah 57:20, Revelation 17:15).

Isaiah 44:24 Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself...27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers... and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Message 88:12 *Fear not man whose heart is not filed with humility and truth... All such know not the meaning of the scriptures. They wrest the Word of God and say the Lord hasten or delayeth His coming. However, the Lord shall come as His plan folds into being and action and the necessary evils try the people, testing their faith, to determine if they be the Lord's chosen, tried and faithful, or will fall with the evil one. Yet they say they love the Lord.*

Message 108:19 *The greatest days of tribulations is yet ahead, when all turmoil will break loose and few there be that shall understand. But be ye peace makers, thus receive the greater blessing.*

Message 111:2...You have seen the changes in world activities- the powers not of God are going down. A more peaceful way is coming. However, the greatest havoc is yet to come.

Message 113:12... *The time is short, coming to a close.*

Message 119:6 *Thus saith the Lord, 'Ye are My friends. I have tested you as Job has been tested; yet he loved Me, your Lord. The testing has served its purpose,' saith the Lord.*

Revelation 7:13 What are these which

are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14...These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The messenger continued to come from time to time and as needed with *instructions for 1. building the house of the Lord and 2. setting His Church in order.*

Message 5:5 February 24, 1927 You men, with others, shall assist in the building of the Temple, the house of the Lord, which shall be started in 1929. The Lord will give you seven years in which to complete the work... Think not that the work can be done without the help of the Lord. He will send His Spirit and His Messengers from time to time, for this house shall not be built by promises, but by sacrifice; but the Lord God shall sanctify the house that shall be built in His name, and the glory of the Lord shall rest upon it, and the Spirit of the Lord shall fill the hearts of men, and Christ shall come to it, and the cloud that shall rest upon it shall sanctify it and the lives of His people.

8 The cloud shall not rest upon the house all the time, but only when the people of the Lord shall assemble therein, in humility and love; then will the Lord meet with them...

12 Great shall be the joy of the people of the Lord, not so much because of the house, but because the Lord shall sanctify His people. His power will be with them and His Spirit will fill their souls with joy. The house shall be a sheltering rock to them, a haven of rest wherein they will find spiritual food and knowledge, a school wherein they will learn of God's goodness.

Message 6:3 September 1, 1928...God will direct in the building of His house; For

the Lord spoke to Joseph Smith with the voice of His Spirit thus...

5 And inasmuch as My people build an house unto Me, in the name of the Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, My glory shall rest upon it, and My presence shall be there, for I will come into it, and all the pure in heart that shall come into it, shall see God; but if it be defiled I will not come into it, and My glory shall not be there, for I will not come into unholy temples...

8 Verily, I say unto you, it is My will that you should build an house; if you keep My commandments, you shall have power to build it; if you keep not My commandments, the love of the Father shall not continue with you; therefore you shall walk in darkness... For thus spoke He unto Joseph Smith who heeded not His words.

9 But let this house be built, for great shall be the joy of the people of the Lord, not so much because of the house, but because the Lord shall sanctify His people; His power will be with them and His Spirit will fill their souls with joy. The house shall be a sheltering rock to them, a haven of rest, wherein they will find spiritual food and knowledge, a school wherein they will learn of God's goodness."

Message 7&8:5 November 30, 1928...I shall come from time to time to instruct you *in all things as to the building of the house of the Lord, and your work concerning Zion.* Behold this house shall be the government of God on earth; from which the law of the Lord shall go forth to all nations, even to the Jews that they also may know that God has again spoken, and that He again shall gather Israel in their own land.

Message 9:6 March 8, 1929....Worry not so much about the Temple, for greater

work must yet be done than the building of the Temple, for the people must be prepared to meet Christ. The gospel must be preached. The glad tidings must be taken from house to house. The warning must be done.

If the physical temple had been built by a spiritually unprepared people what they built would already be defiled and unacceptable. They would not have pure hearts and clean hands required by our Lord to build it.

Message 10:2 March 23, 1929 The building that you have staked is set ten feet too far to the east and if you will move the stakes then it shall stand upon the place that has been pointed out by the finger of God... (The corner stone placed by Joseph Smith was found after they moved the stakes).

Message 11:10 The Temple will be built. There will be changes in the men that will help. Those that hinder let them be removed, that the Lord's house might be built. Let the people rule whose hearts are pure, but those whose hearts are selfish shall come to naught...

12 ...I am the Messenger of the Lord to direct in building the Temple, and I shall be with Christ when He shall come to His Temple... (April 30, 1929).

Message 12:1 July 18:1929 I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building the Temple, and the organization of The Church of Christ, and reestablishing it again in its fullness...for the Lord has reserved unto Himself this remnant on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order.3... Dig the trenches, and bring the foundation to the level of the basement floor, and your steel fifteen inches above the grade level...

Before the foundation of this temple could be laid and finished on the spot the

Lord pointed out to them by the messenger, like Joseph Smith was warned in His day he would not have power to build an house if they did not keep His commandments. This time there were those that would not receive the Lord's Power and Authority of the commandment and the pattern the Messenger gave them with the baptism for their cleansing and His laying his hands on Otto Fetting that they might also receive it. The work on the foundation ceased and was left in ruins. Those obedient to the commandment would continued the work of establishing and putting the Church in order with the Authority to represent Christ that a people might first be prepared.

Message 12:4,6,8 July 18, 1929 summarized: *Because of sins and traditions of men the Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men, who have gone away from the Word of the Lord and have become an abomination in His sight.*

Therefore the Lord has given His instructions to established anew His Church as in days of old with His Holy Priesthood Authority and Power. He once committed it to Joseph Smith in his day, who failed to re-establish it according to the pattern He to was given.

Therefore again the commandment of the Authoritative baptisms and laying on of hands of John the Baptist to be fit and worthy for the Spirit and Power of the Holy Ghost, for this must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in the presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive the glory of God, nor the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, see that all things are done after the pattern I will give you, that in all things you may please the Lord your God.

Message 14:1 October 7, 1929 There are those that will oppose the Message that I have given you, and at times this will de-

lay the work on the Temple, but their end will be sad. The Lord will bless the hearts that are pure and the hands that are clean before Him.

Message 19:11 February 1930 *For one hundred years the Lord waited and yet they have not heeded His words, this people that profess His name; but the Lord will establish His Church in its fullness, and will do the work among the nations, but the work will be done in haste.*

12 Those that have rejected the Message have rejected the Lord, and the Lord has also rejected them and their work until they repent and are humble, and are baptized, that they may cleanse themselves of their sin.

Message 21:8 April 8, 1930)...The Lord will direct further that the Church will be established in its fullness, but prepare ye a people. As I told you, many will help in this work.

9 I have given you the plans of the Temple. Remember, they are sacred, for this is the House of the Lord that shall be built, and it must be built as the Lord has directed you, therefore, keep these plans Holy for the House that shall be Holy unto the Lord. Let no man treat lightly the plans the Lord has sent to you.

Message 23:17 October 31, 1930, As you prepare the people, so shall also a place of safety be prepared, for the Lord will direct His people, and the law shall go forth from the Temple of the Lord to all nations and peace shall reign, but those that shall oppose the plans the Lord has given, will not be there.

Message 28:4, 5, & 12 January 24, 1932 ...Christ will come to His own, and His Church, that is again being established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ's way. There is no church but

His Church; all others are the works of men.

5 My Temple will be built by those who will prepare themselves in righteousness and in humility, for none shall be accepted by Me whose hearts are filled with unrighteousness. Holy, Holy is My house that shall be built, and only that which is holy shall enter therein.

Message 29:8 September 9, 1932 Contend not about local work for your work is to all people and nations, and this I say to all.

12 Worry not about the Temple, for there are those whose hearts are filled with hate, selfishness, jealousy, strife and contention; verily, I say unto you and to them, they shall not hinder when the day cometh when the Lord will build His house. Therefore, keep the plans sacred that the Lord has committed to you.

A special conference had been held in October 1929 that overwhelmingly rejected the idea of re-baptism. About one third of the four thousand with membership of the church at that time obeyed the commandments and pattern of cleansing and the Lord's Holy Priesthood Authority renewed by Messenger. Then seven years later those they left on the Temple lot rejected all of the Fetting messages in a 1936 conference. Work on the Temple that had slowly ended by that time. The time allotted by the Lord to build it had expired.

Message 30:2 & 6 January 28, 1933, I have given the plans for the Temple, but My people are not worthy or cannot enter therein.

6. I have established my church in 1929 anew. I have given the message and it must be obeyed. All else is of man and I cannot, and will not accept the follies and traditions of men for my work is a holy work and

man must first be made holy."

Brother Otto Fetting entered into rest on January 30. The next visit by the messenger was to W.A. Draves on October 4, 1937. He also continued to come from time to time until April 22, 1994 with the one hundred twentieth message. Brother Draves died on June 28, 1994.

Message 32:4 January 5, 1938... I shall call many honest, many humble, many with knowledge and understanding, *for yet My house shall be built; My Temple, a haven of rest, a refuge.* Oh ye one and all, My servants, seek to please Me and not man. Humbly come ye together.

Message 34:4, May 14, 1938 ...Because of unbelief My work has suffered, leaving many to wander in darkness.

7...*My work shall be accomplished by pure hearts and clean hands. My house shall be built.* The gospel preached in all the world. The glad tidings must go forth; and great shall be your joy in the end.

Message 48:13 June 17, 1940, I am the Messenger sent from the Lord and I come to do His will. My name is John. I am the forerunner of Christ, I shall prepare the way. I shall bring the word, that a people may know the Lord has spoken. *His former signet shall be upon one today, and He will cause that desire to come that the house of God, the Temple of the Lord, may be built for it shall be done.* Therefore, let your hearts be perfect with the Lord your God, walking in His statutes, and keeping His commandments which He speaks as at this day.

16... I speak the words and will of the Lord and I shall direct in this work. *The signet one shall rise up and disperse confusion and cause to be brought together many that will obey the will of the Lord, and that a people will be raised up to build the Tem-*

ple of the Lord.

Remember the Lord promised in the first message He would raise up a people to build the temple.

Message 76:14 August 17, 1959 I am the servant of the Lord. I speak His will. I am the elect one, the Ancient of Days. This was my calling. I will continue to come until the work is finished and Christ comes to His Temple and the gathering of His people.

Message 90:25 July 10, 1970 *Pray the Lord of the vineyard to send forth men of renown and faith to work in this way.* Let the women help all they can—there is much to be done.

Message 95:11 June 15, 1976 *Where are the men of renown? Where are those of wisdom? Who knoweth the full plan of God? Who will prepare? Who will qualify to be leaders and carry this work on?*

Message 102:6 April 5, 1985 *The Church and work of the Lord is established and set in pace. Keep the vigilance. It will be well with all that follow this way.*

Message 106:5 November 25, 1989 As was my coming anew to the remnant on the Temple lot to the Lord's servant, Otto Fetting, your fellow servant and leader who was faithful in his day of work—yet blindness had befallen them; they sought not further light nor direction, moreover closing their minds to my Message which the Lord has sent me to bring for the work in these latter days—yet they have preserved and kept sacred the holy spot pointed out by the voice, eye and finger of the Lord—this is their blessing.

6 Now hear ye this Message and be firmly established in obedience to the commandment of this baptism I bring to rid yourselves of the sins and traditions of man-made doctrines wherein satan has de-

ceived and befuddled the work of God.

7 Thus blindness has been in part. Now arise above it, bring it to pass of God's great plan. Receive this baptism. Build yourselves in the circle of the Lord. Will it come to pass? ...

21 Thus saith the Lord, "If you will hear and obey I will lift that which has befallen and will close up the breach thereof. I will cleanse the ruins and it shall be built as in the days of old, even the Temple of the Lord.

22 "These are My people. They have kept sacred the special spot for the Temple, the holy sanctuary of My planning," saith the Lord.

23 Choose a man who is no mocker, who is humble and of good report, to bring up the prints and plans from the instructions I have brought and will bring.

24 Do not bring the wrath of God upon your failing. Your houses will be laid waste — your children void of inheritance — if you come not into the will and circle of the Lord. Hear this Message, obey this baptism, cleanse your minds of bitterness, of separations, of divisions over doctrinal points. Learn the truth, the humble gospel way.

25 The Lord does not change His mind or plans, and is no respecter of persons. He will not forget His promises, nor will He alter His standard or ways of values, but merciful and long-suffering, He would that none ignore His laws forever. Yea, not even His chosen people — lo, the work is not yet finished. His Message is valid today as when it was first uttered.

Message 110:21 June 19,1991, *Let the full gospel plan be taught. All must come in by the door, the baptisms under this authority and receive the laying on of hands, the Holy Spirit shall be given.*

22...*The Lord's work must be fully established.*

Message 111:3 June 15, 1992, Lo, the Lord is grieved because of the churches, the people called restoration, not heeding the plan of God; the authority I bring; nor the instructions even of the prophets of old; nor Christ's words—pertaining to the Temple of the Lord, the sanctuary of the Lord.

4. *Thus saith the Lord, 'Where is the house built unto Me? You live in your sealed houses — with sealed set minds established in your own man made and evil doctrines...*

13. *As I speak to you I speak to all who will hear the voice of one seeking to remove all confusion.*

Message 113:5 June 15,1992, *I bring the authority that His Bride, The Church of Christ, shall be fully established and prepared to bring in the Zion of the Lord; the way of eternal peace; show His hand.*

Message 116:6 September 4, 1993, *The image of the Church is set in pace. The authority established, the power given. Let it develop and progress the Lord's way. He will provide and show His hand.*

Message 120:2 April 22, 1994, *Keep the standard and the work will not suffer. It has been established to move to every nation and the people of this world.*

Amen

Primary

Joy Draves-Dreher

Little Easter Jelly Beans

Little jelly beans
Tell a story true.
A tale of Father's Love
Just for me and you.

GREEN is for the waving palms.

YELLOW is for the sun above.

BROWN is for the soft earth where

People sat hearing of **HIS** Love.

A **SPECKLED** bean for fish and sand.

RED for precious wine

and **BLACK** is for the sin **He** washed

From your Soul and mine.

PURPLE for the sadness of

HIS Family and Friends,

and **WHITE** is for The Glory of The

Day **HE** Rose again.

Now that you've heard The Story

You know what each color means.

The Story of our Father's Love

Told by some jelly beans.

So every morning take a bean

They're really very yummy.

Something for the Soul, you see

And something for the tummy.

-Author Unknown

Juniors

Thresa Ray

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest. (Matthew 21:9)

Many people were so happy to see Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. They took palm branches and laid them on the ground for Jesus to ride over.

John 12:13 says they cried, "Hosanna, Blessed in the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord."

The Pharisees did not like the people showing honor to Jesus. They wanted to destroy Jesus.

John 12:43-46 says, They (the Pharisees) loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44. Jesus cried and said, 'He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on Him that sent me.

45. And he that seeth me seeth Him that sent me.

46. I am come a light unto the world, that whosoever believeth on me, should not abide in darkness.

The religious leaders were plotting to kill Jesus. Before their plans came to pass, Jesus taught His disciples and followers many things:

Jesus instituted the Lord's Sacrament. Mark 14:22-25

22. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them and said, "Take, eat: this is my body."

23. A He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24. And He said unto them, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the Kingdom of God."

When we partake of the sacrament, we are to come repentant for any wrong we may have done. Through faith, repentance and baptism, we can come before the Lord with a repentant heart and partake of the Holy Sacrament and be forgiven. Be renewed!

Jesus also explained to the disciples that when He left them, He would send the comforter or the Holy Spirit.

John 15:26-27 "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you

from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me:

27. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning.”

The Holy Spirit can guide and direct us in our hearts. The Holy spirit can help us wherever and whenever we need with whatever we need. Jesus was leaving these things with us, so that we would have the help and guidance we would need when He was no longer walking on the earth.

Jesus knew that He would be betrayed by Judas. He knew the Pharisees would convince people, even some of the people that were so happy to see him when He rode into Jerusalem on the donkey, to give Him up to be killed. Jesus knew the fate set before Him, but He was willing to die on the cross, to take upon Himself the sins of the world, that through faith on Him and true repentance, we might be forgiven our sins! With true belief and faith in Him we all can have everlasting life in the hereafter with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Revelation 2:10 ...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Jesus didn't just die on the cross. He was resurrected and lives! We have a living God – the one True God! A God that loves us so much that He manifested Himself in the flesh- as His Son Jesus, to walk the earth, to teach and show us the way to live and act! He suffered so much, taking upon Himself the sins of all of us, the sins of the world--- just so we can trust and believe on Him and have everlasting life with Him! We are so blessed!

John 10:11,14,15 The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

dantly.

14. I am the good shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Jesus is our good shepherd. He gave His life for His sheep – for us!

Read in all four Gospels in the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John about the life of Christ, His death and Resurrection. Read all four accounts because each one gives some additional details. This is the greatest love story you could ever read! The love that God had for you and me – for each of us –for ALL of us!

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through Him might be saved.

Truly give your heart to Jesus, study His word and be obedient. Accept the beautiful gift He has given us ---the gift of Everlasting Life!

Young Adults

Karen Wilkin

John 20:11; But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the sepulcher,

12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I

know not where they have laid him.

14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15. Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17. Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.** What did it mean that they shouldn't touch him as he had not ascended up unto the Father yet? Why do you think He asked Mary to go tell the disciples that He ascended to the Father?

What an experience Mary must have had at that moment. We can only imagine what she witnessed, what she felt and how she felt. I'm sure she marveled at this experience with Christ was very meek and lowly before the Master, Her God.

Do you ever wonder why she didn't recognize who Jesus was when she saw him? She actually thought he was the gardener and asked him where her Master was. Why do you think she couldn't recognize him? Was it because he changed his looks once he had risen from the grave? Was it because the light was so bright around him that it changed his countenance? Keep in mind when the disciples saw him they didn't believe it was him either. Remember how Thomas asked for proof? John 20:27; and read John 20:25-30. Mary was so surprised when he told her he was Jesus. I'm sure she

was very humbled and she was filled with the Holy Spirit as he revealed himself to her.

In verse 29: Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." I'm sure this must have humbled Thomas very much and made him stop and ponder what Jesus just said to him. We have not seen Jesus, yet we believe! We have not seen John the Baptist, yet we believe! There is power in believing without seeing. This is called "Faith". Jesus had a reason why he did things the way he did. Do you think he wanted them to exercise their faith? Do you think maybe he wanted to just test them? Why do you think he did it this way? How do you think Thomas felt after Jesus gave him that answer?

The Birth of Jesus Christ, His Crucifixion, and His Resurrection is the Greatest Story Ever Told. It is a true story and everything has transpired just as foretold in the Holy Bible and Record of the Nephites (Book of Helaman 14:17-28). He died on that cross because He loved everyone from the beginning of time to the end of time. He sacrificed His own life that we might live with Him throughout all eternity. It is a very humbling experience to accept it that Jesus did this for you personally, that is how much He loves you!!

As you read about, watch and hear about the Easter Season, let it infiltrate your heart and mind as to what really took place that day Christ gave His life for you. He was born in a lowly manger, He was homeless most of His life, walking long distances to preach and teach, and then at 33 years of age, Prophecy was fulfilled once again and He was unmercifully tortured, then hung on the cross to die for you and me. Then as He promised, He Arose

from the grave after 3 days. No one could love people that much except for Jesus. The amazing part of the story is, He isn't finished yet!! He still works miracles, He hears our prayers, He is a working God and will manifest His powers until He Returns Again!! He is coming back real soon! Prophecy will yet again be fulfilled!

Thank you Heavenly Father for coming to this earth as a newborn baby then giving your very life for us so that we might have eternal life with you. Thank you for loving us so much that God gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16. Amen.

Tuesday June 30, 2020

10:30 Priesthood Meeting

1:00 p.m. Study

2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

3:00 p.m. Preaching Service

4:00 p.m. Prayer /Testimony Service

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Speaking: Apostle Donald Thompson

8:00 p.m. Closing Service & Sacrament

The complete schedule will be available at Opening Services, June 28, 2020.

**2020 General Assembly
Tentative Schedule**

Sunday, June 28, 2020

2:00 p.m. Opening Service

3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer/Testimony:

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Monday, June 29, 2020

10:30 Priesthood Meeting

1:00 p.m. Study

**2:00 p.m. Membership Meeting,
Financial Report**

3:00 p.m. Prayer and Testimony

7:00 Preaching Service

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