

# Scriptural Curriculum – The Ministry of the Savior Jesus Christ

## I. The Lord's Pre-Mortal Ministry

### A. Called from before the Foundation of the World

1. Moses 4:1-4 – called to be the Savior; preserved man's agency; confirms reality of Satan; Satan cast out by the Savior's power.
2. Abraham 3:22-28 – Savior was among the noble and great spirits and "like unto God;" developed the plan of salvation; chosen to be the Savior.

### B. The Need for a Savior

1. 2 Nephi 2 (entire chapter) – Atonement; opposition in all things; reality/role of Satan; fall of Adam; agency; "choose liberty and eternal life . . . or choose captivity and death."
2. D&C 29:36-43 – Reality/Role of Satan; Agency; Fall of Adam; Plan of Redemption.
3. 2 Ne. 9:4-27 – Atonement; fallen state of man without Atonement; "Atonement satisfieth the demands of his justice."
4. Alma 12:21-34 – Fall of Adam; "Plan of Redemption;" Atonement.
5. Alma 42:1-15 – Fall of Adam; "Great Plan of Happiness;" Atonement; "the plan of mercy could not be brought about except an atonement should be made; therefore God himself atoneth for the sins of the world."
6. Alma 22:12-18 – Fall of Adam; plan of salvation; "what must I do to be born of God . . . I will give away all my sins to know thee."

### C. The Great Jehovah

1. 3 Ne. 1:1-20 – Jehovah answers Nephi's prayer and fulfills his promise to come as the promised Messiah on the earth; "and it had come to pass, yea, all things, every whit, according to the words of the prophets."
2. Exodus 3:11-18/6:1-8 – The Lord is Jehovah and he promises Moses deliverance for the children of Israel.

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### D. Prophecies of the Lord's Earthly Ministry and Atonement

1. 1 Nephi 11:13-34 – the birth and mortal ministry prophesied and seen by Nephi.
2. 1 Nephi 19:8-12 – the atonement prophesied by Nephi.
3. 2 Nephi 31:4-10 – Nephi prophesies that Christ will be baptized to fulfill the commandments of God.
4. Mosiah 3:5-19 – King Benjamin prophesies that Christ would suffer pain, fatigue, hunger, and sweat blood from every pore; His is the only name whereby salvation can come unto the children of men.
5. Mosiah 13:28-15:9 (Isaiah 53) – Abinadi prophesies that salvation does not come by the law; without the Savior, man must perish, notwithstanding the law; “surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.”
6. Alma 34:5-17/1 Nephi 10:1-6 – Amulek prophesies that the word is in Christ unto Salvation; without the Savior, all mankind must perish.
7. Ether 3:14-16 – Jehovah reveals Himself and His mission to the Brother of Jared; shows him His spirit body.
8. Moses 7:39, 45-47 – Enoch saw the Savior's atonement, *i.e.*, “the Lamb is slain from the foundation of the world.”
9. Exodus 12:5, 46 – The Pascal Lamb would be sacrificed to save Israel; foreshadowing the Savior's sacrifice, the lamb would be male, without blemish, and no bones of it would be broken.
10. Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19 – Moses prophesies that the Messiah shall come and shall be a Moses-type figure.
11. Psalms 22:1-8, 16, 18 – David foretells the crucifixion of Christ.
12. Psalms 69:20-21 – David foretells Christ's suffering in Gethsemane and at Golgotha.
13. Isaiah 61:1-3 (Luke 4:18-21) – Isaiah prophesies that Jesus was anointed to bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, open the prison to them that are bound.

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## II. The Lord's Mortal Ministry

### A. Commencement of Lord's Ministry

1. Matthew 3:13-17 – Jesus is baptized of John the Baptist. *See also* Luke 3:22.
2. Matthew 4:1-11 – fasting; temptations from the devil. *See also* Luke 4:13.

### B. Calling of the Apostles

1. Luke 5:1-11 – Lord promises to make Peter, James & John fishers of men; Peter demonstrates his humility. *See also* Matthew 4:18-22.
2. John 1:35-51 – The Lord calls his Apostles by inspiration and issues his invitation to “come and see!”

### C. Power of Prayer

1. Matt. 14:23/Mark 1:35/Luke 5:16 Luke 6:12 – Power of every-day prayer in the life of Jesus.
2. John 17 – Christ's great intercessory prayer.

### D. Power of Faith

1. Mark 5 – Jesus heals the woman with an issue of blood; He raises the daughter of Jairus from the dead and assures Jairus: “Be not afraid, only believe.”
2. Matthew 14:22-33 – Jesus walks on water and Peter, by the power of faith, does so as well.
3. Matthew 15:21-28 – healing the gentile woman's daughter.
4. Mark 9:14-29 – Jesus casts out the “death and dumb spirit” from a boy; He assures the boy's father that the boy can be cured by faith: “help thou mine unbelief;” He teaches his Apostles that they must use prayer and fasting to exercise the priesthood;

### E. Fulfilling Priesthood Duties

1. Luke 15:1-10 – Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and

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Prodigal Son; we can exercise the priesthood to teach our brethren and go off to the rescue to those who have fallen away.

### **F. Power of Forgiveness**

1. Matt. 18:21-35 – Jesus teaches Peter through the parable of the wicked and merciless servant that we will be forgiven as we forgive others.
2. Luke 15:11-32 – Jesus teaches us through the parable of the prodigal son of the blessings that come when we forgive others.
2. Luke 10:25-37 – The Good Samaritan.

### **G. Beware of Covetousness**

1. Luke 12:13-21 – Jesus teaches through parable of the wealthy landowner that life does not consist “in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

### **H. Gratitude**

1. Luke 17:11-19 – Jesus teaches us about gratitude through his healing of the ten lepers.

### **I. Requirements of Discipleship**

1. Matt. 13:44-46 – Through the parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price, Jesus teaches us that we will need to give up everything to follow up.
2. Mark 10:17-22 – The story of the young, rich man teaches us that we need to sacrifice our possessions (*i.e.*, tithing) in some cases to follow the Savior.
3. Luke 9:57-62 – “No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”
4. Luke 14:27 – Take up the cross and follow the Savior. *See also* 2 Nephi 9:18, Jacob 1:8.

### **J. Jesus’ Power Over Death**

1. John 11 – in preparing to raise Lazarus from the dead, Jesus proclaimed: “I am the resurrection and the life!”

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### **K. Obedience/Watchfulness**

1. Matt. 24:42-51 – “If the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched . . . [and] would have been ready.”
2. Matt. 25:1-13 – The parable of the ten virgins teaches that obedience to the Lord’s commandments will help keep a proper reserve of oil in our lamps.

### **L. Restoration of Priesthood Keys**

1. Matt. 17:1-9 – Just as they did in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times, Moses and Elijah returned to earth in the Meridian of Time to restore their lost priesthood keys so that the Lord’s authorized servants (Peter, James and John) could continue with the Lord’s work on the earth.

### **M. Respect for Little Children**

1. Mark 10:13-16 – Jesus teaches the worth of children to his Apostles.

### **F. Atonement/Crucifixion – Matt. 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23, John 18-19**

1. The Last Supper – Matt. 26:26-28.
2. Gethsemane – Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46.
3. “Watch and Pray Always” – Mark 14:37-38.
4. Christ’s humility before the Sanhedrin, Pilate & Herod – Luke 23:1-11; John 18:19-24.
5. “Behold the Man!” – John 19:5.
6. Satan’s final temptation – “If thou be the Son of God . . . ” – Matt. 27:39-43.
7. “Woman, behold thy son” – John 19:25-27.
8. “It is finished!” – John 19:30.

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9. Prophecies Fulfilled – No bone broken (John 19:36); given vinegar to drink (John 19:29); “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34).

### III. The Lord’s Post-Mortal Ministry

#### A. Lord’s Visit to Paradise

1. D&C 138:1-24, 38-50 – Joseph F. Smith’s vision of the spirit world and the Son of God’s appearance to His saints, “declaring liberty to the captives who had been faithful.”

#### B. Resurrection & Ministry to Apostles

1. John 20 – The empty sepulchre; Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene; Jesus appears to the Ten; He then appears to Thomas: “My Lord and my God.”
2. Luke 24:13-35 – Christ’s appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus.
3. Luke 24:36-48 – Jesus shows himself to the Eleven, testifies of his resurrection, testifies that he came to fulfill the prophecies in the Law, Prophets, and the Psalms, and shows the Eleven his resurrected body.
4. Matt. 28:18-20/Mark 16:15-20 – The Eleven are commissioned to preach the gospel to all the world: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”
4. John 21:1-17 – “Feed My Sheep.” *See also* Luke 22:31-32 (“when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren”)

#### C. Ministry among the Nephites

1. 3 Nephi 9:18-22 – the Lord proclaims his divinity and declares the conditions for salvation: “ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit.”
2. 3 Nephi 11 – the resurrected Jesus visits the Nephites.
3. 3 Nephi 27:27 – the Lord sets the bar for the standards his disciples must reach: “Even as I am.” *See “Raising the Bar,”* by Elder L. Tom Perry, October 2007 General Conference, Priesthood Session.  
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### D. Restoration of the Gospel

1. D&C 20:1-28 – Lord summarizes the restoration of His Church, the translation of the Book of Mormon, His mortal ministry and Atonement, and the conditions on which men are saved.
2. D&C 1:14-38 – Lord summarizes why He restored his perfect and true Church upon the earth again.
3. D&C 13:1/JS-H 1:68-72 – Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood.
4. D&C 110:1-10 – Appearance of the Savior to J. Smith and O. Cowdery and the restoration of Priesthood Keys.

### E. Confirming the Reality of the Living Christ and His Atonement

1. D&C 18:10-11 – Christ suffered the pains of all mankind.
2. D&C 19:15-20 – Christ suffered, trembled and bled from every pore so we would not have to suffer as He did.
3. D&C 45:1-9 – Christ will advocate our cause before the Father to save us from death, hell and the devil.
4. D&C 76:19-24 – J. Smith and S. Rigdon see the Living Christ on the right hand of the Father and testify that “He Lives!”
5. “*The Purifying Power of Gethsemane*,” by Elder Bruce R. McConkie, April 1985 General Conference, Saturday Morning Session (“*His atonement is the most transcendent event that ever has or ever will occur from Creation’s dawn through all the ages of a never-ending eternity.*”).  
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6. “*The Empty Tomb Bore Testimony*,” by President Gordon B. Hinckley, April 1988 General Conference, Sunday Morning Session (“*None can compare with the victory of the lonely, pain-racked figure on Calvary’s cross who triumphed over death and brought the gift of eternal life to all mankind.*”).

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7. “*The Living Christ – The Testimony of the Apostles*,” April 2000 Ensign (“*As we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ two millennia ago, we offer our testimony of the reality of His matchless life and the infinite virtue of His great atoning sacrifice.*”)  
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### F. Following the Savior and Being His Disciples

#### 1. Obtain a Testimony of the Living Christ and His Church

Alma 17:2-3 – like the sons of Mosiah, you will need to search the scriptures to know the word of God; fasting and prayer required to gain a testimony and tap the divine power of the priesthood.

Alma 5:44-46 – like Alma, you have been called to the priesthood and you must fast and pray to obtain a testimony of the Savior.

Moroni 10:3-5 – Pray to God in the name of Christ to gain a witness of the Book of Mormon and His restored Church.

#### 2. Be Morally Clean

Alma 22:15-18 – Give away all of your sins to know Christ.

Joshua 2:5 – “Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the Lord will do wonders among you.”

D&C 133:5 – “Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.”

D&C 58:42-43 – Forgiveness comes when we confess and forsake sins.

*“Touch Not the Evil Gift, nor the Unclean Thing,”* by Elder H. Burke Peterson, October 1993 General Conference, Priesthood Session (“*Brethren, I plead with you to leave it alone. Stay away from any movie, video, publication, or music—regardless of its rating—where illicit behavior and expressions are a part of the*

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*action. Have the courage to turn it off in your living room. Throw the tapes and the publications in the garbage can, for that is where we keep garbage . . . turn it off, walk away from it, burn it, erase it, destroy it.”).*

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### 3. Magnify the Priesthood

D&C 121:34-46 – The standard that the Lord expects of those who hold His priesthood.

Alma 7:22-23; D&C 107:99-100 – Fulfill priesthood duties and acquire attributes of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

*“To the Aaronic Priesthood: Preparing for The Decade of Decision,”* by Elder Robert D. Hales, April 2007 General Conference, Priesthood Session (*“When it is time to serve a mission, be there. When the young woman you love most kneels at the altar of God’s holy temple, be there”*).

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*“Becoming a Missionary,”* by Elder David A. Bednar, October 2005 General Conference, Priesthood Session (*“[Y]ou can increase in your desire to serve God, and you can begin to think as missionaries think, to read what missionaries read, to pray as missionaries pray, and to feel what missionaries feel. You can avoid the worldly influences that cause the Holy Ghost to withdraw, and you can grow in confidence in recognizing and responding to spiritual promptings.”*)

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### 4. Consecrate Yourself to the Lord’s Work

D&C 4/Moroni 10:32-33 – The Lord expects us to give our all for Him. If we are to become like Him, we must give everything like he did – **every drop!**

*“The Atonement: All for All,”* by Elder Bruce C. Hafen, April 2004 General Conference, Sunday Afternoon Session (*“To qualify*

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*for such exquisite treasure, in whatever way is ours, we must give the way Christ gave—every drop He had: “How exquisite you know not, yea, how hard to bear you know not.”).*

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### 5. Remain Faithful to Your Convictions

2 Nephi 31:17-20 – Press forward with a perfect brightness of hope and endure to the end.

*“Examples of Righteousness,”* by President Thomas S. Monson, April 2008 General Conference, Priesthood Session (“My young friends, be strong. The philosophies of men surround us. The face of sin today often wears the mask of tolerance. Do not be deceived; behind that facade is heartache, unhappiness, and pain. You know what is right and what is wrong . . . [i]f your so-called friends urge you to do anything you know to be wrong, you be the one to make a stand for right, even if you stand alone.”).

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*“We will not yield, we cannot yield,”* by Elder W. Craig Zwick, April 2008 General Conference, Sunday Afternoon Session (“It requires courage to make good choices, even when others around us choose differently. As we make righteous choices day by day in little things, the Lord will strengthen us and help us choose the right during more difficult times.”)

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*“The Call for Courage,”* by President Thomas S. Monson, April 2004 General Conference, Priesthood Session (“Courage, not compromise, brings the smile of God’s approval . . . [a] moral coward is one who is afraid to do what he thinks is right because others will disapprove or laugh. Remember that all men have their fears, but those who face their fears with dignity have courage as well.”)

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### 6. Enjoy The Blessings That Will Be Yours

D&C 6:20 – “be faithful and diligent in keeping the commandments of God, and I will encircle thee in the arms of my love.”

D&C 59:23 – “He who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come.”

D&C 76:5-10 – “I the Lord am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and truth unto the end. Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory.”