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He Shall Rise... with Healing in His Wings

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"The temple is the

What do we know about Christ, that we wouldn't

know without the Book of Mormon?

cf. Dec. 1988 Ensign "Unique Insights on Christ from the BofM" Gilbert Schreffs

* Christ's atonement was part of an eternal plan that included the need for a savior. (2 Ne. 2) The atonement was not plan B.

* Christ is the God of the Old Testament (3 Ne 15:5 - I am he that gave the Law and covenanted with my people Israel)

* Even in Old Testament times, he appeared like he did in life and in the Resurrection (Ether 3:16)

* Everyone is the same to Christ (READ 2 Ne. 26:33)

* Without Christ, we would be forever under Satan's power (2 Ne 9:8) (also 3 Ne. 16:1 other sheep)
(for that matter, without both death and resurrection - read Alma 42:5-26 (5, 23) - the purposes of God would have been frustrated)

* the light of Christ extends to everyone to guide their choices (Mor. 7:16)

* the central ~~key~~ priority in God's plan was to create the moral agency of humankind (2 Ne 28, law of opposition)
we do not have freedom to choose Christ without the freedom to reject him

* the Book of Mormon helps us understand the magnitude of the condescension of God (1 Ne 11)

* The Book of Mormon explains the nature of grace & its relationship to our agency (2 Ne 25:23)

* The real atonement of Jesus occurred in the Garden when Jews led from every pore (Mosiak 3:7)

* the Book of Mormon has, as one of its central messages, the dual nature of the Resurrection:
1) that it is physical and universal, 2) that it involves returning us to God for an accounting (Alma 41:4) All things restored to their proper order.

* Jesus Christ shares his authority with man in a clear and ordered way (Alma 13 - High Priests)

* Jesus Christ continues to call prophets whenever there are people willing to listen (Mormon 9:7-8, Jacob 5)

* Jesus Christ operates within an established church with a prophet & apostles (3 Ne 12)

⑤ crowning jewel of the restoration

"It is easier to build a temple than it is to build a people prepared for a temple."

How would my life be different if my knowledge gained from the Book of Mormon were suddenly taken away?

②

How have the events that followed

③ the first vision made a difference for me and my loved ones

"Immerse yourself in the glorious light of the Restoration."

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* The Book of Mormon reveals an even more tender side of Jesus' personality and love for us

- was this because they did not have the same expectations of him, or
 - because there wasn't a class of Pharisees constantly looking to trap him, or
 - because the Nephites had been winnowed & humbled by suffering?
- probably all 3. But because of their faith, he simply appeared, healed everyone, prayed in words that couldn't be uttered, organized his church, and spent "more" time with them than he planned. Those few days with him were enough to set off 300 years of peace.

3 Nephi 11-26

* Jesus loves and remembers the Jews (3 Ne 29 - He will do unto them according to that which he hath sworn)

* Jesus has prepared a place for our souls to learn and prepare for the resurrection after our death (Alma 40:11-14)

* The Book of Mormon is itself one of the signs that God is preparing the earth for the second coming of the Messiah (2 Ne 25:17-18 when he shall bring his words unto them)