

Pt. 2: The Life & Ministry of Christ

The *Anderson Tours* Holy Land Scripture Series;

Understanding God, Scripture, & Self

Episode 6: Jesus' Ministry Begins ("Come & See")

"Knowledge of 'the only true God, and Jesus Christ' (John 17:3)
is the most important knowledge in the Universe..."

President Marion G. Romney of the First Presidency ("Except a Man Be Born Again," *Ensign*, Nov. 1981, 14)

I. Jesus Begins to Preach in Nazareth

- a. Nazareth Synagogue (Luke 4:14-30: A Prophet hath no honor) **VT (Precipice)**
- b. Luke 4:14-30; "14 ¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a **fame** of him through all the region round about. 15 And he **taught in their synagogues**, being glorified of all. 16 ¶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet **Esaias**. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.** 22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? 23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. 24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, **No prophet is accepted in his own country...** 28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto **the brow of the hill** whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. 30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way, 31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. 32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with **power**."
- c. Why was this SO offensive to them?
- d. Why did they reject His claims and teachings?
- e. The 3 Messages of John the Baptist:
 1. "One is Coming..." (Luke 3:15-16) "15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; 6 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire..." .

2. **“There He is...”** (John 1:29-30) “29 ¶ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me...”
3. **“He Must Increase & I must Decrease...”** (John 3:25-30) “30 He must increase, but I must decrease!”

- f. **How did Jesus escape?**
- g. **Where did He go?**
- h. **Did He ever return to Nazareth?**
- i. **Pictures of Mt Precipice**

II. **“Come and See”** VT (Mt Arbel and Galilee)

- a. **John 1:35-51**; “35 ¶ Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!** 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and **they followed Jesus**. 38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? 39 He saith unto them, **Come and see**. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the **Messias**, which is, being interpreted, the **Christ**. 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called **Cephas**, which is by interpretation, A stone. 43 ¶ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, **Follow me**. 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. 46 And Nathanael said unto him, **Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?** Philip saith unto him, **Come and see**. 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. 49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the **Son of God**; thou art the **King of Israel**. 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.”
- b. **Who was the first to extend the invitation to “Come and See?”** (result?)
- c. **Who was the next person to extend the same invitation?**
- d. **What role does that play in our sharing of the Gospel?**
- e. **Who do we know who would respond well to such an invitation?**

III. **“This is THE CHRIST”**

Words: James E. Faust, b. 1920, and Jan Pinborough, b. 1954

Music: Michael Finlinson Moody, b. 1941

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“This is THE CHRIST” Lyrics:

- 1. They heard His voice, a voice so mild
It pierced them through and made their souls to quake
They saw Him come, a man in white
The Savior who had suffered for their sake

They felt the wounds in hands and side
And each could testify; This is the Christ

Chorus:

This is the Christ, the holy Son of God
Our Savior, Lord, Redeemer of mankind
This is the Christ, the healer of our souls
Who ransomed us with love divine

2. I read His words, the words He prayed
While bearing sorrow in Gethsemane
I feel His love, the price He paid
How many drops of blood were spilled for me?

With saints of old in joyful cry
I too can testify; This is the Christ

Chorus:

This is the Christ, the holy Son of God
Our Savior, Lord, Redeemer of mankind
This is the Christ, the healer of our souls
Who ransomed us with purest love divine!

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IV. Virtual Tour Footage

- This series accompanies the *Virtual Tour* which features the Power of Place, 360 video footage, etc. In the visual presentation there are several pictures of the location:
 - a. Capernaum
 - i. Where Jesus went after being rejected in His hometown of Nazareth
 - b. Sea of Galilee & Galilee Area – Mt Arbel and the Sea of Galilee / Galilee area.

Links to the Scriptures & Other Resources:

Old Testament:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/gen/1?lang=eng>

New Testament:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt?lang=eng>

Book of Mormon:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm?lang=eng>

Doctrine & Covenants:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament?lang=eng>

Pearl of Great Price:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/pgp?lang=eng>

The Living Christ Document:

[“This is THE CHRIST” Song](#)

Assignments / Resources associated with this Lesson:

- **[COME](#). Please read the following paragraph on the word "Come"**

Assignment: What does the invitation to "Come" or "Come and See" mean to you?

- **[COME & SEE](#) Please watch this short video of an experience from the life of Pres. Dieter F. Uchtdorf (1:30 min)**

Assignment: Summarize what impressed you from this entry

- **[COME & SEE](#) Please watch this short video of how we can invite others to "Come and See" (1:17 min)**

Assignment: Summarize what impressed you from this entry

- **[COME & SEE](#) Please watch this short video/talk by Elder Morrison "Come and See" (Oct 2000)**

Assignment: Summarize what impressed you from this talk

EXTRA MILE:

[COME & SEE](#) This is a great talk on sharing the Gospel with others by Elder David A. Bednar "Come and See" (Oct 2014)

[EYES TO SEE & EARS TO HEAR](#) This is a great talk on having eyes to see by Elder Kim B. Clark (Oct 2015)