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## WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL ISSUE

When you read the scriptural accounts of His life and ministry, you realize how much Jesus Christ exemplified love. He healed and blessed. He looked past human frailty to see the heart—offering hope, healing, and forgiveness through His ministry, teachings, and great atoning sacrifice.

That same Savior, the Son of God, lives. He knows our hearts and loves us. He has compassion and desires to bless us. That is the message of this magazine. You will find it in the words of living prophets and apostles, teaching who Christ is and what He offers us. And you will find it in the testimonies of ordinary people whose lives have been blessed by their accepting Christ's invitation to come unto Him, learn of Him, and follow Him.

We invite you to study these messages prayerfully, take them to heart, and share them with others.

—The editors



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of Easter lily by Matthew Reier.



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