

# Christ Asks for the Records

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Helaman 14:25; 3 Nephi 23

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When Jesus Christ visited the Americas after His Resurrection, He taught the people many things about the gospel. As He delivered His sermons, He commanded the Nephites to search the records that had been kept so they could find the words of the prophets and study them (see 3 Nephi 23:1, 5).

After Jesus had explained the prophecies and teachings in the records that the Nephites had, He said, “Behold, other scriptures I would that ye should write, that ye have not.” He then asked Nephi to “bring forth the record which ye have kept” (3 Nephi 23:6–7).

The Lord explained that He had commanded Samuel the Lamanite to prophesy that at the time of the Resurrection many saints who had died would also rise from the dead and would appear unto the people and minister unto them (see 3 Nephi 23:9; see also Helaman 14:25).

Christ reminded the people that the prophecy had been fulfilled and then asked, “How be it that ye have not written this thing, that many saints did arise and appear unto many and did minister unto them?” (3 Nephi 23:11). The Savior then commanded that the record be updated so that there would be a witness to the fulfillment of Samuel’s prophecy (see 3 Nephi 23:13).

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## Summary

When Jesus Christ visited the Nephites after His Resurrection, He explained the meaning of the scriptures and told the people to search the words of the prophets. He asked Nephi to show Him the record the Nephites had kept and

pointed out that the fulfillment of one of Samuel the Lamanite’s prophecies had not been written about. Jesus commanded Nephi to write about Samuel and the fulfillment of his prophecy.

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