

Jesus Teaching in the Western Hemisphere

3 Nephi 11–27; 28:12

*Arise and come forth unto me, . . . that ye may know that I am the God of Israel,
and the God of the whole earth.* 3 Nephi 11:14

After Jesus's Resurrection, He visited the Nephites in the land of Bountiful. Jesus had the people come to Him one by one to feel the prints of the nails in His hands and feet. He wanted them to know He was the resurrected Savior. The Nephites fell down and worshipped Him. (See 3 Nephi 11:8–17.)

Jesus gave Nephi and eleven other men the power to baptize and give the gift of the Holy Ghost. He taught them how to baptize (see 3 Nephi 11:18–27; 12:1; 18:36–37) and told them to teach the gospel to the Nephites (see 3 Nephi 11:41).

Jesus asked the multitude to listen to these twelve men and be baptized. He then taught them what He had taught the Jews in the Sermon on the Mount. (See 3 Nephi 12:1–48; 13; 14.) Jesus said the Nephites were the other sheep He had spoken of in Jerusalem (see 3 Nephi 15:21).

Jesus healed the sick and prayed with the people. As He blessed their children, angels came down from heaven and ministered to them. (See 3 Nephi 17.)

Jesus taught the Nephites about the sacrament (see 3 Nephi 18:1–11). He told them to pray for themselves, their families, and others (see 3 Nephi 18:15–23).

At the end of the day, Jesus left the Nephites. The next morning Jesus's chosen disciples divided the multitude into twelve groups and taught them.

Nephi was baptized, then baptized the other eleven disciples. They were then filled with the Holy Ghost. Angels came and ministered to them, and suddenly Jesus appeared and ministered to them. (See 3 Nephi 19:1–15.)

Jesus had the multitude kneel and asked the disciples to pray. Then He also prayed. During one of His prayers the Savior's words were so marvelous they could not be written or spoken by mortals. (See 3 Nephi 19:16–36.)

After administering the sacrament again (see 3 Nephi 20:3–9), Jesus continued teaching the Nephites. He told them about the importance of the scriptures (see 3 Nephi 23). He talked about His Second Coming and commanded the people to pay tithes and offerings (see 3 Nephi 24). Jesus taught the Nephites for three days and met with them many times after that (see 3 Nephi 26:13).

One day the disciples were fasting and praying, trying to decide what to call the Church. Jesus appeared to them and told them that because it was His Church, it should be named after Him. (See 3 Nephi 27:1–10.)

Jesus ended His ministry among the Nephites by blessing His disciples (see 3 Nephi 28:12).

Summary

After Jesus was resurrected, He came to the Nephites. He invited the people to feel the prints of the nails in His hands and feet so they could know He was the resurrected Savior. Jesus chose twelve disciples to minister to the people and gave them the power to baptize and give the gift of the Holy Ghost. He taught

His gospel to the Nephites, offered the sacrament, healed the sick, prayed with the people, and blessed the children. He taught them about the scriptures, tithing, His Second Coming, and naming the Church after Him. Before leaving, Jesus blessed the disciples.

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