

Why We Need Jesus Christ

As Christmas approaches, I realize that some may have concerns and anxiety about the future. There may be a lot of “noise” in your life, more or less constant engagement online without downtime, without time to be quiet and reflect and think, without time to look inside and discern where you are and where you should be going. You may be influenced by unrealistic expectations, such as “perfection should be immediate” or “uninterrupted happiness and success should be the norm in life.”

I hope you will lay aside these misconceptions, dial down the “noise,” and take some time this Christmas season, at least an hour, if not more—to reflect on “the wonder and the majesty of ... the Son of God.” Let it be an hour of reassurance and renewal for you.

On a prior Christmastime, I wrote this message:

“When we talk about the birth of Jesus Christ, we appropriately reflect on what was to follow. His birth was infinitely significant because of the things He would experience and suffer so that He might better succor us—all culminating in His Crucifixion and Resurrection (see Alma 7:11–12). ...

“But I also think it’s appropriate this time of year just to think about that baby in the manger. Don’t be too overwhelmed or occupied with what is to come. ... Take a quiet, peaceful moment to ponder the beginning of His life—the culmination of heavenly prophecy but the earthly beginning for Him.

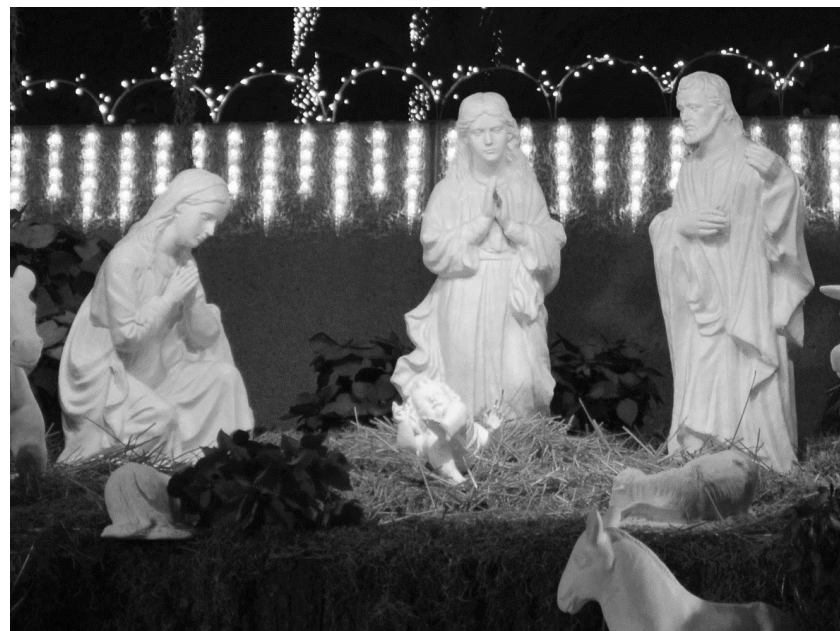
“Take time to relax, be at peace, and see this little child in your mind. Do not be too concerned ... with what may be coming in His life or in yours. Instead, take a peaceful moment to contemplate perhaps the most serene moment in the history of the world—when all of heaven rejoiced with the message ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men’ (Luke 2:14).

By Elder D. Todd Christofferson
Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
Devotional address, BYU Dec 12, 2017

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

December 3, 2023



While we remember the Savior Jesus Christ all year, Christmas is the season when we celebrate the greatest gift ever given: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son” (John 3:16). As we minister at Christmas, we too can give gifts that help others draw closer to the Savior.

Go to the stake website for more announcements:

<https://renostakeinfo.org>

The Skyline Ward Christmas party will be Friday evening, December 8th. Be sure to come and have a good time with other members of our Ward Family.

All members 40 and over are invited to attend to learn about Senior Missionary Opportunities on Sunday, December 10th, at 5:00 Pm. Go to the Stake website for more information.

Emotional Resilience Group Meetings for adults and youth starting Sunday, August 20, 3:30-5:00 PM, Golconda Building. Adults will meet in the Golconda Relief Society Room and youth will meet in the Golconda Young Women Room. The Golconda Building is located at 1095 Golconda Way, Reno, NV.

Please note, these classes are designed as a resource for individuals who want to improve emotional resilience in their lives.

Addiction Recovery Group Meeting – Tuesdays 7:00pm, High Council Rm
Family Support Group Meeting-Sundays 7:00pm, High Council Room
Questions? Call Jon Hiatt, High Council at 775-772-354

If you have an announcement, you would like added to the bulletin, send a text to Roy Blackburn at 775-399-0613

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Welcome and Announcements

- Presiding:* Bishop Russell Stodtmeister
- Conducting:* Bishop Russell Stodtmeister
- Organist:* Sister Melissa McMurray
- Music Director:* Sister Shannon Morris
- Opening Hymn:* #207 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*
- Invocation:* T.B.A.
- Ward Business:* T.B.A.
- Sacrament Hymn:* #176 *‘Tis Sweet to Sing the Matchless Love*

Passing of The Sacrament

Bearing of Testimonies

- Closing Hymn:* #211 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
- Benediction:* T.B.A.