

# Preface

Toward the end of his life, the ancient prophet Nephi summarized his spiritual ministry in the following words: “And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins” (2 Nephi 25:26). Nephi’s joy in Christ motivated generations of his faithful descendants. That same spirit also resonates in the messages and testimonies of modern Latter-day Saints, as this collection of books and articles abundantly demonstrates.

Part I of this bibliography lists a broad range of talks, essays, and studies by Latter-day Saints about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as reported in the New Testament Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In some cases, the articles listed elaborate on a single phrase or a specific event in the Gospels; in other cases, these works discuss a broad concept or an extended segment from the ministry of Jesus.

Part II of this publication covers the writings of Latter-day Saints about the New Testament from Acts to Revelation. This smaller, yet still significant, number of LDS books, papers, and speeches focuses on the lives and teachings of the early Apostles of Jesus Christ, particularly Paul, Peter, James, and John.

All of the entries in both parts of this bibliography are organized first by category and then alphabetically by author. When the entries are listed by category, brief annotations give general information about the nature and content of each book or article. The materials encompassed here range from scholarly to devotional. Collectively, they show that Latter-day Saints have always had a deep interest in the life of the Savior and a profound reverence for his words of eternal life found in the New Testament.

While we have attempted to be inclusive as we have assembled this data, many more items could be added. For example, a complete bibliography of LDS writings about Jesus would include many more books and articles that expound on the prophecies of Christ found in the Old Testament, the mission of the Savior described in the Book of Mormon, or the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed in modern revelation. A comprehensive treatment of LDS interests in the New Testament would also mention numerous other articles or treatises that make only passing or

incidental references to New Testament scriptures or events in the life of Christ. Here we have included only those titles that relate predominantly or extensively to the lives and teachings of Jesus and his Apostles.

Although we have examined many LDS books, periodicals, and other publications, mainly in the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University, we know that we have not extracted information from all possible sources. Several LDS magazines, for example, have been intentionally excluded from our cataloging. These include a number of nineteenth-century journals (*Evening and Morning Star, Messenger and Advocate, Times and Seasons, Contributor, Liabona, and Young Women's Journal*), some twentieth-century publications (for example, the *Relief Society Magazine, New Era, and Friend*), and all non-English periodicals. Undoubtedly, we have also overlooked many important entries unintentionally. Despite inevitable shortcomings, BYU Studies is pleased to distribute this information. Additions, corrections, or other suggestions to help expand and improve subsequent versions of this bibliography are always welcome.

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