# Welcome to All Saints Sunday Morning Bible Study - Dr. J's Power Hour

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# All Saints Episcopal Church Thomasville, Ga. Sunday Morning

We are recruiting
Beginning after we are
organized

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- Breakfast.....8:30-10:00
- Presentation......9:10
- Discussion Q&A...9:45
- Dismissal.....10:15
- This Bible Study AKA <u>Dr. J's Power Hour</u> invites everyone interested to become leaders and presenters.
- Each Sunday the readings are dissected and explained in layman terms.
- There are thousands of resources to help you prepare: Study Bibles, Books (Reanne's) & Online.
- You may have a burning desire to present a topic.

# Todays Leaders and Topics

- Dr. Charles Jackson: Great American and former physician to the former Washington Redskins.
- Putt Wetherbee: Overachieving, Dedicated American.

#### • John 6:5

• Feeding of the 5,000

#### Jeremiah 23:5

- The Messiah is pictured as a branch out of Davids's family tree
- He rules sometime in the future.

## What Else Today

- · Who are the Mormons?
- What is their foundation of faith?

# Woman, Saying & Word.....of the week

#### Miriam

Prophet and sister of Moses & Aron

#### Salt of the earth

- Metaphor that his followers are to influence the world around them just as salt adds flavor to food
- "But what good is salt if it has lost it's flavor."

#### Amen – Hebrew

Praise be the name of the lord forever!

# Woman Of The Week - Miriam



Helped her mother coordinate Mose' rescue from the Nile



Led the women in song and dance after Red Sea crossing

# Jeremiah 23:5

- Refers to two points of time:
  - Exodus
  - The Millenium
- "Behold...that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness"
- Jesus' genealogy is in Matthew 1 and Luke 3:23-38

## Jeremiah 23:5

- Two very different tracks and there two schools of thought
- First School
  - Matthew follows Joseph's the biological line
  - Luke (a gentile) follows the legal line
    - Heli died and his half brother Jacob married widow Estha and fathered Joseph
- Second School:
  - Matthew follows Joseph's legal line through David's son Solomon
  - Luke is recording Mary's line through Davids's son Nathon
    - Tracing the mother's line is unusual, so is a virgin birth

# Feeding 5,000

Only Miracle besides Resurrection that is in all 4 Gospels

Jesus traveled to Bethsaida because of the beheading of John The Baptist

A large crowd gathered to see him

People still followed for healing and to see miracles

Not to see the Messiah

Occurred after the Sermon on the Mount

# Geographic Orientation



NBC News National Headline





NBC Bethsaida Local News Coverage

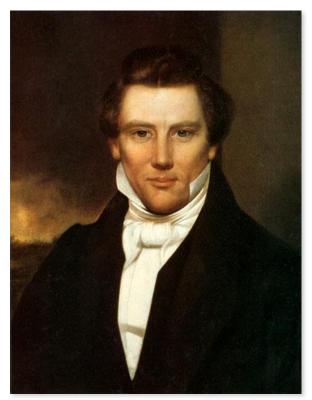
## John 6:5

- Feeding of the 5,000
  - Most likely size of crowd was 20,000
  - 5 loaves 2 fishes
    - Unsure of any meaning behind total of 7 but interesting
  - Jesus fed the people through the agency of his diciplels
    - They had to trust HIM for everything they distributed
  - Take aways:
    - You never have so little that God can't use to make a lot
    - You can only give of God what you can receive
  - There is a theme of breaking to receive a breaking to multiply that I can't quite put my finger on or into words...Give it a try!

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

# 1

- FOUNDED, LOCATION
  - Joseph Smith, Jr. (1805–1844) organized what is now *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (LDS) in 1830 near Rochester, New York.



Joseph Smith, Jr.



# 1

- FOUNDED, LOCATION
  - After Smith's death, Brigham Young (1801–1877) became the first president of the Mormon Church.
  - In 1847, Young moved the church to its current headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah.

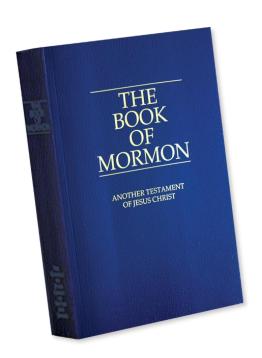


The Mormon temple in Salt Lake City, Utah



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- KEY WRITINGS
  - The Book of Mormon
  - Doctrine and Covenants
  - The Pearl of Great Price
  - The Bible (King James Version only or Smith's "Inspired Version"); seen as less reliable than Mormon "scriptures"





- KEY WRITINGS
  - Ensign and Liahona magazines.
  - Authoritative teachings of Mormon prophets and other LDS "general authorities."





## • WHO IS GOD?

- God the Father was once a mortal man on another planet, but "progressed" to godhood.
- He has a physical body, as does his wife (Heavenly Mother).
- No Trinity. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate gods.
- Worthy members may one day become "exalted" to godhood themselves.

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## • WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus is a separate god from the Father (*Elohim*).
- He was created as a spirit child by the Father and Mother in heaven.
- He is the "elder brother" of all men and spirit beings, including Lucifer.



"Christus" statue in the Salt Lake temple visitors' center



### • WHO IS JESUS?

- His earthly body was created through sexual union between God the Father (Elohim) and Mary.
- Jesus was married.
- His suffering in Gethsemane and death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin, but does provide everyone who has lived on earth with resurrection.
- Jesus traveled to the Americas after his death and resurrection in Palestine.



### • WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The "holy spirit" is different from the "Holy Ghost."
- The holy spirit is not God, but is an influence or electricity-like emanation from God ("light of Christ").
- The Holy Ghost is a "spirit man" and a member of the godhead.



### HOW TO BE SAVED

- One is resurrected by grace, but fully saved (exalted to a state of godhood) by works.
- Required works include: faithfulness to church leaders, Mormon baptism, tithing, ordination (for males), marriage, and secret temple "endowment" rituals.
- No eternal life without membership in the Mormon church.



### • WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- Eventually, nearly everyone goes to one of three separate heavenly "kingdoms" (telestial, terrestrial, and celestial).
- Some achieve literal godhood ("exaltation") at the highest level of the celestial kingdom.
- Apostates and murderers join Satan in "outer darkness."



## • OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Secret temple "endowment" rituals and "celestial marriage" available only to members in good standing.
- Baptism on behalf of the dead.



Mormon temple San Diego, California





## • OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- "Word of Wisdom" prohibits tobacco, alcohol, and caffeine drinks.
- Tithing is essential.
- Two-year missionary commitment encouraged.







- OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES
  - Door-to-door proselytizing.
  - Extensive social network.
  - People of African ancestry denied full access to Mormon priesthood and privileges until 1978.



# De coder Glasses

 It consisted of two smooth three-cornered diamonds set in glass, and the glasses were set in silver bows, which were connected with each other in much the same way as old-fashioned spectacles."[41][42]



