

Chapter XIV - *We Have Found the Messiah*

1. John was well acquainted with the prophecies of the Messiah, but did not see clearly that Jesus would suffer and die. How can we make sure we do not miss the presence of Jesus because of our own expectations?
2. What draws you to Jesus?
3. Why has God given humans a part in the work of soul saving?
4. What role did angels play in Christ's earthly ministry?

Additional Thoughts

5. Read the following quotes. Could this possibly relate to our age as well? (Page 133 & 135)

Though he had not deferred to them, the Sanhedrin accounted that, as a public teacher, he was under their jurisdiction.

If the Jews had received him, it would have been accomplished for them. But they did not receive his message. To them he was not Elijah. He could not fulfill for them the mission he came to accomplish.

6. Be ready to discuss this quote as well. (Page 133)

Many among the leaders would not go to hear John's appeals and denunciations, lest they should be led to disclose the secrets of their own lives.

7. Have you ever seen the following happen? To you or to others? (Page 136)

Often the presence of Christ and the ministering angels is manifest in the assemblies of the people, and yet there are many who know it not. They discern nothing unusual. But to some the Saviour's presence is revealed. Peace and joy animate their hearts. They are comforted, encouraged, and blessed.

8. How clearly did John understand Christ's message? (Page 136-137)

He did not distinguish clearly the two phases of Christ's work,--as a suffering sacrifice and a conquering king...

Almost impatiently he waited to hear the Saviour declare His mission; but no word was spoken, no sign given.

9. How do you relate personally to the following quotes? (Page 137-138)

In His dress and bearing there was nothing that betokened rank. He was apparently a simple personage, clad like themselves in the humble garments of the poor.

Jesus came in poverty and humiliation, that He might be our example as well as our Redeemer. If He had appeared with kingly pomp, how could He have taught humility? how could He have presented such cutting truths as in the Sermon on the Mount? Where would have been the hope of the lowly in life had Jesus come to dwell as a king among men?

10. What was Nathanael's problem with Jesus? (Page 139-140)

11. Is it possible to belong to Christ and not tell others? (Page 141)

12. Personal views:
 - A. List a favorite section from the reading.
 - B. List some new thought from this reading.