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I woke up early this morning (rare for me) and was praying about a lot of things, then was deciding on what to focus on in my scripture reading when I remembered this favorite talk of Pres. Nelsons from Apr. 2017, “Drawing the Power of Jesus Christ into our Lives”:

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2017/04/drawing-the-power-of-jesus-christ-into-our-lives?lang=eng>

<https://www.talksontalks.com/podcast/2017/5/16/20-drawing-the-power-of-jesus-christ-into-our-lives-understanding-the-context-of-our-covenants>

Here’s an excerpt:

“Today I would like to speak about how we can draw into our lives the power of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

We begin by learning about Him. “It is impossible for [us] to be saved in ignorance.” The more we know about the Savior’s ministry and mission—the more we understand His doctrine and what He did for us—the more we know that He can provide the power that we need for our lives.

Earlier this year, I asked the young adults of the Church to consecrate a portion of their time each week to study everything Jesus said and did as recorded in the standard works. I invited them to **let the scriptural citations about Jesus Christ in the Topical Guide become their personal core curriculum.**

I gave that challenge because I had already accepted it myself. **I read and underlined every verse cited about Jesus Christ, as listed under the main heading and the 57 subtitles in the Topical Guide.** When I finished that exciting exercise, my wife asked me what impact it had on me. I told her, “I am a different man! I felt a renewed devotion to Him...”

So, I thought I’d flip to the Table of Contents and study that way and read about Christ. I found myself feeling a little overwhelmed by all the categories and flipping back and forth, and, even though I bought a large-print copy of the scriptures, I still struggle with my eyesight these days so I didn’t stick with it for long.

Then I had an idea — what if I took one of the categories, such as “Jesus Christ—Advocate” and went to the Scriptures on LDS.org, and cut and pasted each of the verses into a Word doc so they’d all be together and I could read them all that way. I know it’s different than taking a blank set of scriptures and highlighting all of the verses there, but I think that could still be a future project — if I had all of the verses about a particular category together, then I could use that to flip back and forth to find the scriptures and mark them in a new set of scriptures and go back and forth that way.

I then looked at how long it would take me to put such a document together and the answer was, “A Very Long Time.” I know that Pres. Nelson was okay with making this his personal study for over a year (or however long it took him to study all 57 of the main headings and subtitles he mentioned in his talk), but I wanted to have something that shows all of the various verses within a category about Christ’s ministry all together and that’s when the idea to ask for help with this project popped into my head.

**\*\* THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN:** What if I could find a bunch of friends who wanted to take a category (or 2 or 3) and just do that section and then we could collaborate and I’d put it all together and send everyone a PDF copy of it? (Since I am, after all, a book designer!)

As Pres. Nelson mentioned, there are 57 categories & subheads in the Topical Guide about Jesus Christ. I counted 10 pages of references in the Book of Mormon/Doc & Covenants and 15 pages of references in the TG of the Bible (but those duplicate the ones in the Book of Mormon & D&C).

Maybe instead of 57 friends each taking a category, I could find 10 – 15 friends each willing to do 1 page from the Topical Guide...

**Here's an example:** (the verses are easily accessible from the LDS.org online Topical Guide ... click the link, go to the verse, copy and paste into a Word doc. Pretty easy!)

# Topical Guide

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## Jesus Christ, Mediator

*See also* [Jesus Christ, Advocate](#); [Jesus Christ, Messenger of the Covenant](#)

no man cometh unto the Father, but by me, [John 14:6](#).

one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [1 Tim. 2:5](#).

he is the mediator of a better covenant, [Heb. 8:6](#).

the mediator of the new testament, [Heb. 9:15](#).

Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, [Heb. 12:24](#) ([D&C 107:19](#)).

ye should look to the great Mediator, [2 Ne. 2:28](#).

made perfect through Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, [D&C 76:69](#).

*See also* [Gal. 3:19](#).

★ **NOTE 1:** I compared this with what's printed in the Topical Guide in my Book of Mormon, and there's one showing there that is not listed here, so probably best to compare for accuracy.

★ **NOTE 2:** I fleshed out some of the verses a bit rather than just selecting the exact verse link from the online Topical Guide. Some of the verses started with a question, or referenced something else, or ended in mid thought (not at the end of a sentence) so I included a few other verses when I was cutting and pasting the verses into this list.

*This is what it would look like:*

## MEDIATOR

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

– John 4:6

For there is one God, and one **mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

– 1 Timothy 2:5-6

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the **mediator** of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

– Heb. 8:6.

And for this cause he is the **mediator** of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Heb. 9:15.

And to Jesus the **mediator** of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

– Heb. 12:24

To have the privilege of receiving the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, to have the heavens opened unto them, to commune with the general assembly and church of the Firstborn, and to enjoy the communion and presence of God the Father, and Jesus the **mediator** of the new covenant.

– D&C 107:19

Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great **Mediator** of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil; for he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself.

And now, my sons, I would that ye should look to the great **Mediator**, and hearken unto his great commandments; and be faithful unto his words, and choose eternal life, according to the will of his Holy Spirit; and not choose eternal death, according to the will of the flesh and the evil which is therein, which giveth the spirit of the devil power to captivate, to bring you down to hell, that he may reign over you in his own kingdom.

– 2 Ne. 2:27–29.

These are they [them who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just] who are just men made perfect through Jesus the **mediator** of the new covenant, who wrought out this perfect atonement through the shedding of his own blood.

– D&C 76:69.

For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a **mediator**.

Now a **mediator** is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

– Gal. 3:18 – 20

So, that's what I'm trying to do and realize it would take some willing souls who would want to help with this to do it in a timely manner.

I know your personal study experience isn't complete by simply reading through this list of scriptures, and that it takes reading the verses in context with what is in the rest of the chapter. I recognize that using the full scriptures is essential for your personal study of these verses, topics and concepts, but it's a nice overview to be able to see the full verses all together! Sometimes patterns and connections are more evident when reading them together like this.

If you'd like to help with this and receive a copy of the PDF when it's done, let me know and I'll figure out how many people want to participate and how to divide it up.

If anyone comes to mind who you know might like to help with this, please let me know. The more people we get on board, the quicker it will go!

THANK YOU!

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