

Jn. 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have **the light of life**.

Jn. 9:5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world**.

Jn. 12:46 **I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.**



Jn. 7:2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

Jn. 8:2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not*.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

When this incident was brought to Jesus' attention, He dealt with the situation at hand and then added "...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Who do you suppose that He had reference to regarding darkness?

- ❖ The woman was in darkness.
- ❖ The scribes and Pharisees were in darkness.
- ❖ They were concerned only for half of the guilty parties:

Lev. 20:10 And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.**

Deut. 22:22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, **then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman:** so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

❖ Jesus, perhaps, wrote this principle on the ground, or only wrote, “Where’s the man?”

- ❖ Jesus did NOT condone the sins, but He did rebuke them all.
- ❖ After this incident, He makes the following declaration:

I. THE DECLARATION, 8:12a – “...I am the light of the world...”

A. The Present – “...I am...”

Ex. 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, **What is his name?** what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM hath sent me unto you.**

- ❖ The Lord is the Self-Existent One.
- ❖ The Lord Jesus is stating His equal standing with God the Father.

B. The Power – “...the light...”

- ❖ Jesus is the intrinsic light, emanating as an attribute of His deity.
- ❖ Jesus is the light of truth, dispelling spiritual darkness.
- ❖ Jesus is the light of wisdom, dispelling the darkness of ignorance.
- ❖ Jesus is the light of righteousness, dispelling the darkness of heresy.

- ❖ Jesus is the light of holiness, dispelling the darkness of sinfulness.
- ❖ Jesus is the light of joy, dispelling the darkness of heartache.
- ❖ Jesus is the light of hope, dispelling the darkness of despair.
- ❖ Jesus is the light of peace, dispelling the darkness of hostilities.
- ❖ Jesus is the light of love, dispelling the darkness of indifference.

C. The Perspective – “...of the world...”

❖ The immensity of the Lord’s power can encompass the whole world.

1 Jn. 5:19 *And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.***

1 Jn. 2:2 *And **he is the propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, **but also for *the sins of the whole world.****

II. THE DECISION, 8:12b – “...he that followeth me...”

A. The Personal Choice – “...he...”

B. The Particular Choice – “...that followeth...”

Original Word: ἀκολουθέω

Transliteration: akoloutheó;

Definition: to follow; **Usage:** I accompany, attend, follow.

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C. The Precious Choice – “...me...”

1 Pet. 2:7 **Unto you therefore which believe *he is precious***: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

III. THE DIFFERENCE, 8:12c – “...shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

A. The Clarity – “...shall not walk in darkness...”

B. The Change – “...but shall have the light of life.”

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; **behold, all things are become new.**

Mt. 5:14 **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

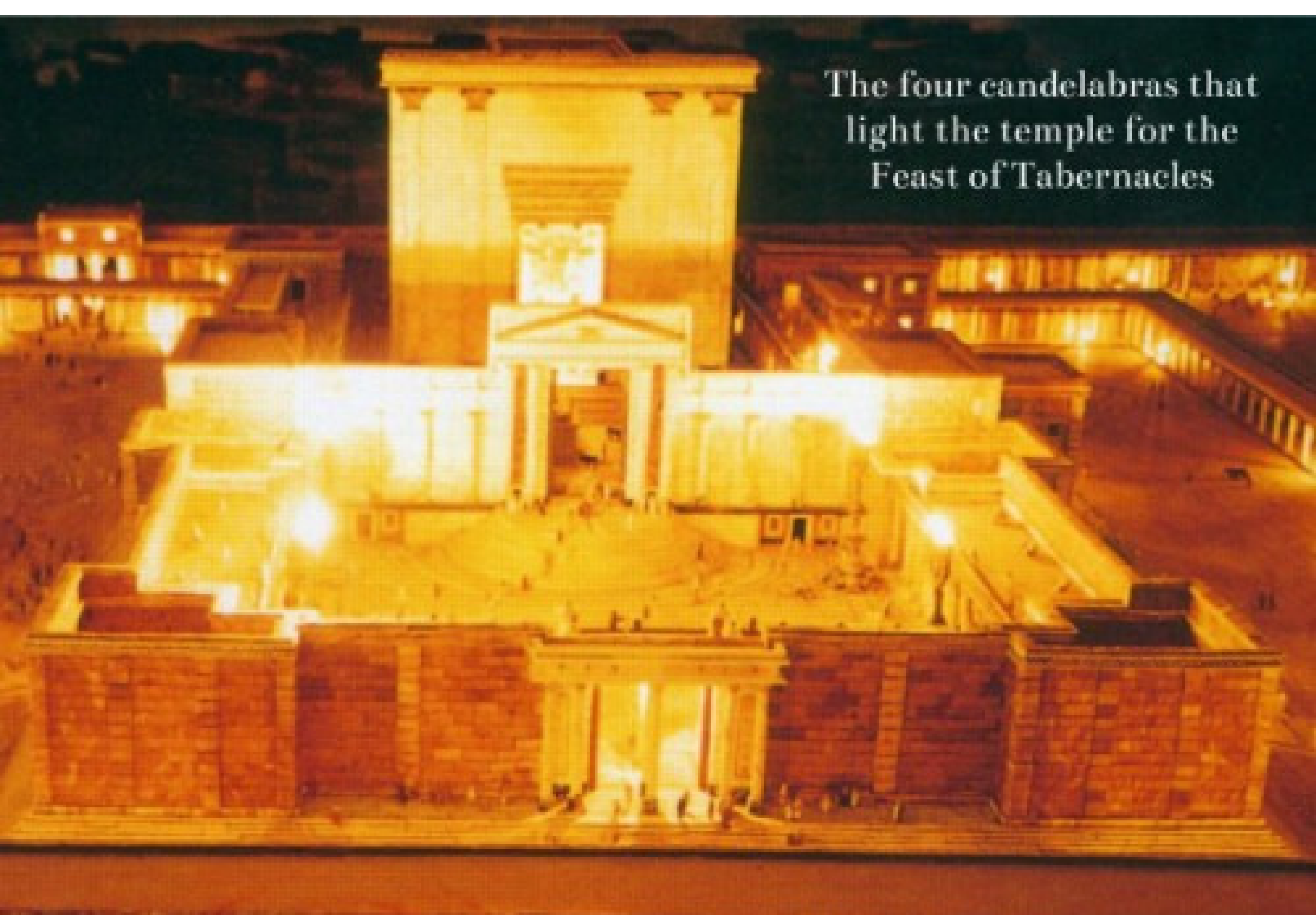
15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

Summary

The Lord Jesus used the timely illustration of pouring out the water, Jn. 7:37, during the Feast of Tabernacles to indicate that He is the Water of Life:

Jn. 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**



The four candelabras that
light the temple for the
Feast of Tabernacles

Ex. 14:20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and **it was a cloud and darkness *to them*, but it gave light by night *to these***: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

Conclusion

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:**

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and **Christ shall give thee light.**

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**