

# Temple to Tomb



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“The Lampstand”  
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As we continue our **Year of Jesus**, we turn this March to some of the **richest imagery** of the Old Testament.

The very **furnishings** of the **tabernacle** and the **temple** reflect the nature of God.

In Exodus, Moses is commanded to craft a **lampstand**.

Exodus 25:31-32, 37-39

*“Make a lampstand of pure gold. Hammer out its base and shaft, and make its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms of one piece with them. Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand—three on one side and three on the other.”*

*“Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it. Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold. A talent of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories.”*

In John, Jesus tells us that He is the **Light of the World**.

John 8:12

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Revelation 21:22-23

*I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus **commands us** to be the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14-16

*“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

In Revelation, Jesus identifies **the church** as the light of the world.

Revelation 1:12-13

*I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.*

The lampstand was never **to be extinguished**.

May we always **shine the light** of Jesus **brightly**.