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The number of days since Christmas



Let Your Light Shine

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John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



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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."



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Light

(Noun) - something that makes things visible or gives illumination.



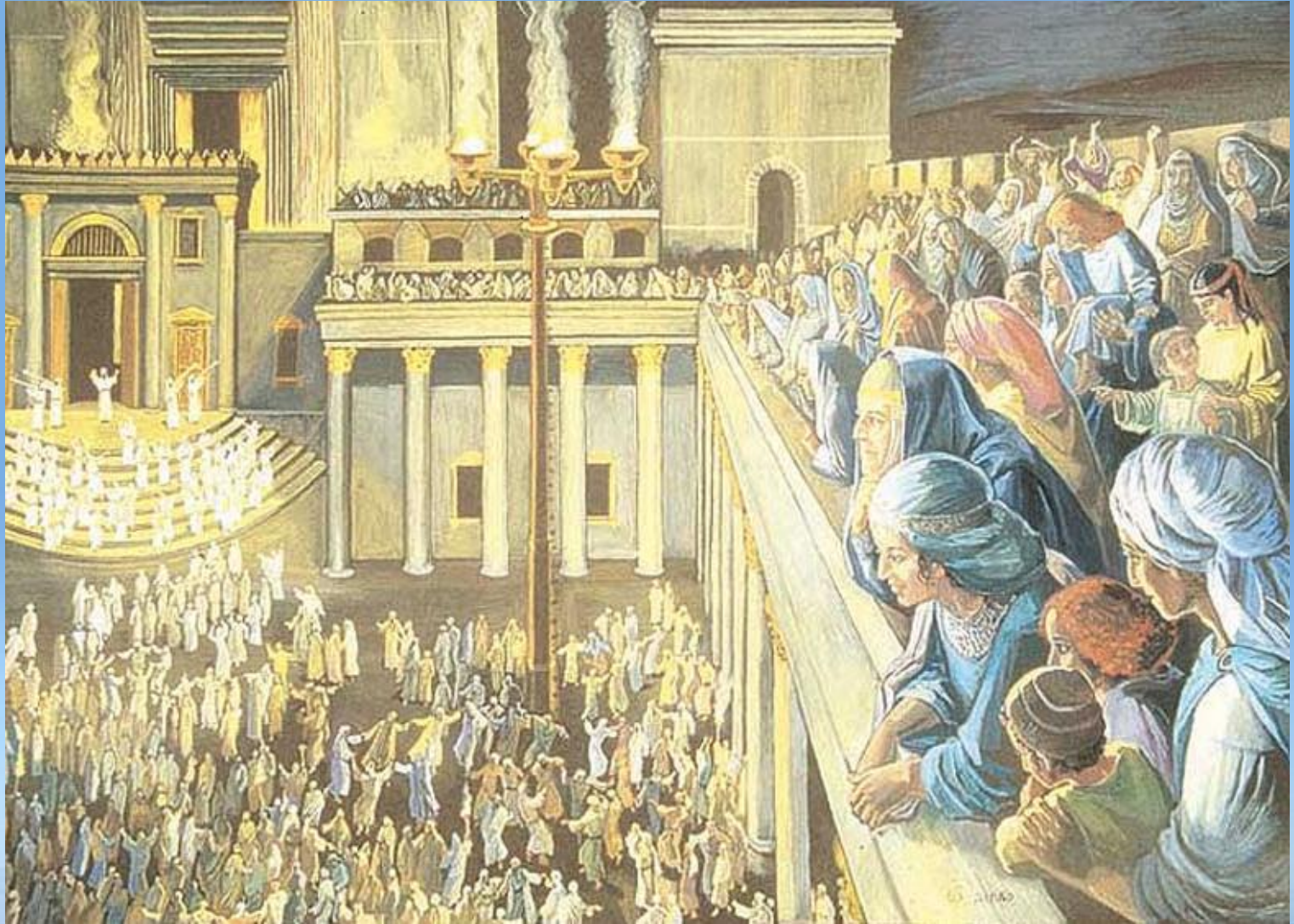
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Light

- God's presence and favour, purity and holiness
- Symbol of salvation



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Matthew 6:1

““Be careful not to practice your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

Some dangers to avoid:

- **Being the same as the world around us.**
- **Being hidden from the world in our own ‘ghettos’.**



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Our light shines when we act or react in contrast to the world

- **Turn the other cheek**
- **Respond in kindness**
- **Tell others Jesus is important, and show it**
- **Go the second mile**
- **Being honest**
- **Sacrifice**
- **Keep our word**



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- Honour all people
- Being humble
- Being joyfull and helpful at the supermarket



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- Does my life attract people's attention to Jesus?
- What would people think of Christianity if I was its sole representative?

