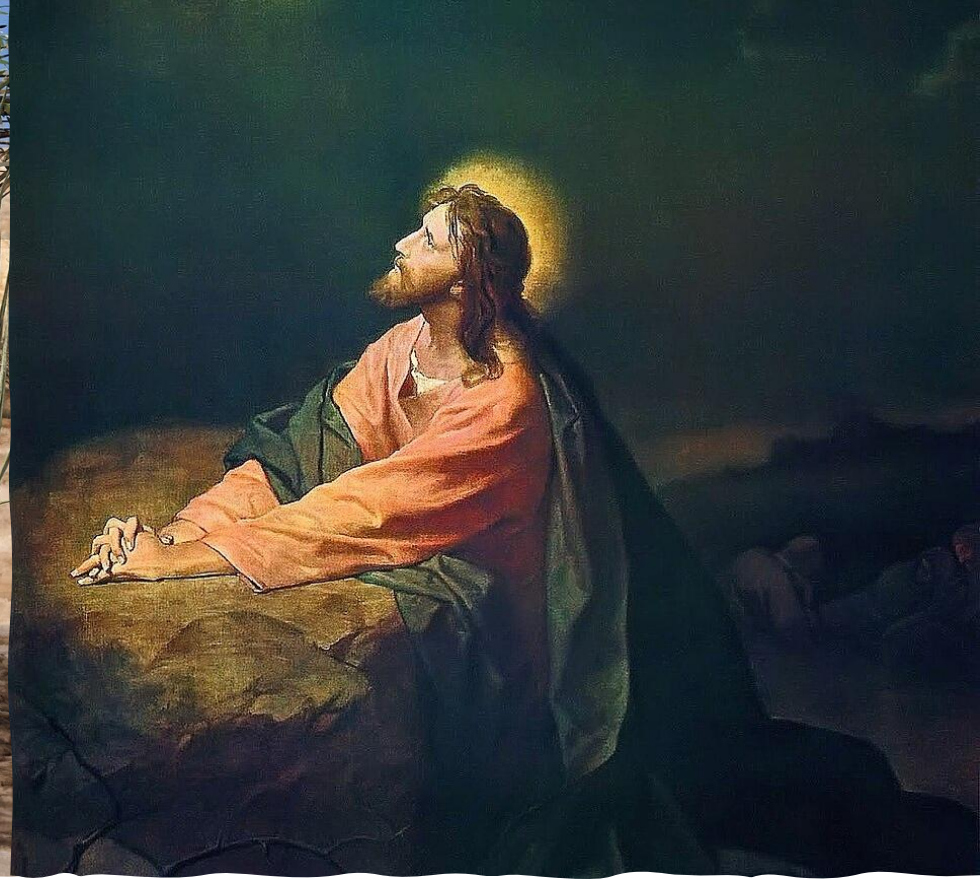


**“I Am the Light of the World”**  
– John 8:12

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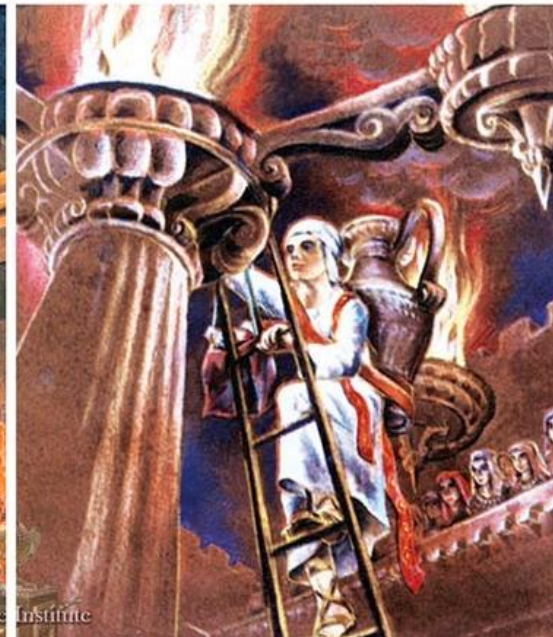
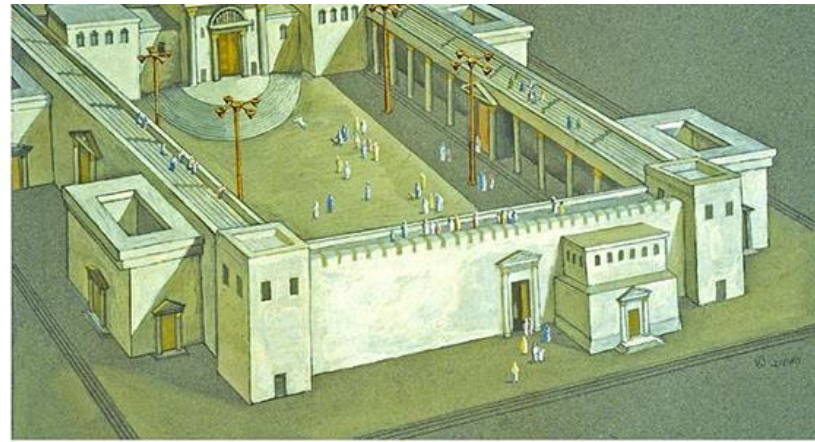
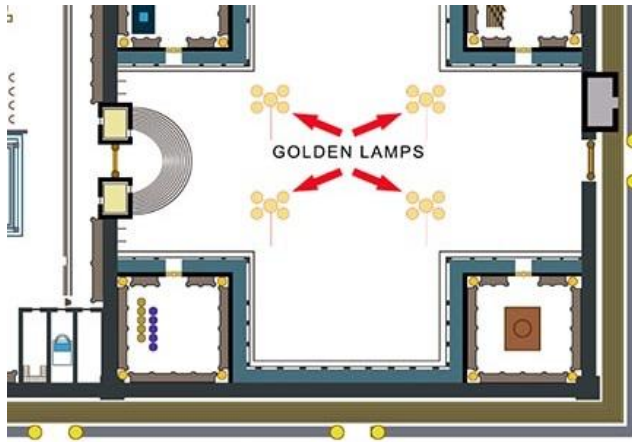


# The Two Declaration

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

# The First Declaration: Feast of Tabernacles

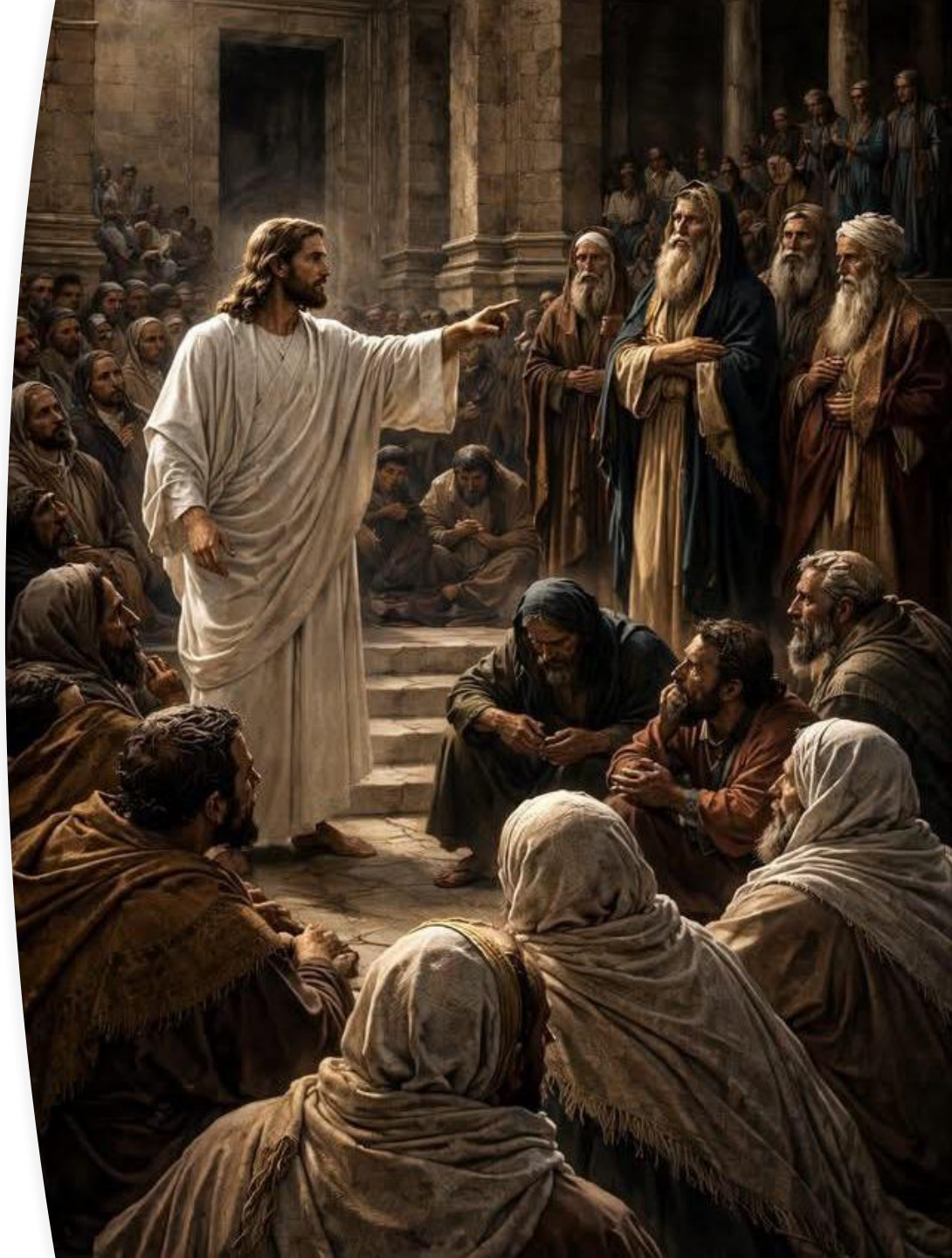


# The First Declaration

- Setting: The Feast of Tabernacles
- “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.” (John 8:12)
- “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:4)

## The Second Declaration

- On Tuesday of Pascha
- “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”  
(John 12:46)



# The Resurrection as the Vindication of Both

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- “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you.” (John 12:35)
- “...And shine upon us as You have shone upon those who were in the darkness of Hades, and restore us all to the Paradise of Joy.” (9<sup>th</sup> Hour Agpeya, Absolution)
- “A hidden earth was shone upon by the sun and the untrodden road was walked upon.” (Adam Psali on First Canticle, Midnight Praises)



# Considerations

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- Some Prefer to Control Light
  - EX:Blinds vs Surgical Lights
  - **“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”** (John 3:19)
  - **“But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”** (John 3:21)
- We Lose Confidence in the Light When It Enters Darkness
  - EX: Candle in the Dark
  - What looked like defeat on Golgotha was in fact the Light’s greatest visibility.
  - **“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”** (John 1:5)

# Final Reflections

- **Am I keeping something in the darkness?**
  - “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.” (Ephesians 5:11)
- **Strive to not let your relationship with the Light of the World be seasonal**
- **Become sons of light**
  - EX: We are like the moon
  - “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)