

Living Upside Down

Message 3: *How Not to Be
Boring*

Mt. 5:13-16



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16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Mt. 5:3-12 (How we Live)

Mt. 5:13-16 (Our Impact)

Poor in Spirit

Mourn

Meek

Hunger and Thirst

Pure in Heart

Peacemakers

Persecuted

Kingdom living is public living (salt, light)

Our relevance to the world is our difference from the world as we live in the world.

What this message is about

Living in God's realm as a follower of Jesus is not to be in isolation. Rather, Jesus sends us into a corrupt and bland world to preserve, and flavor it by our message. Then, by our good works, to bring light to the darkness so that our Father is honored.

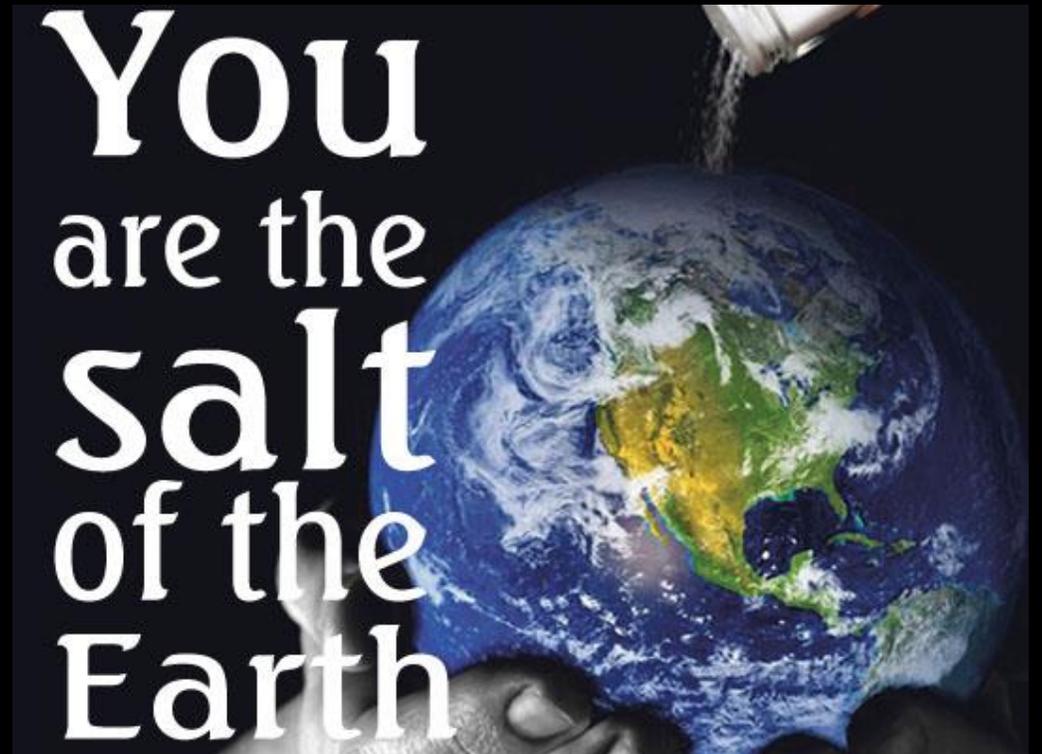
Purpose of this message

To inspire all of us together, to simply do something this week, that will bring honor to God in our surrounding community.

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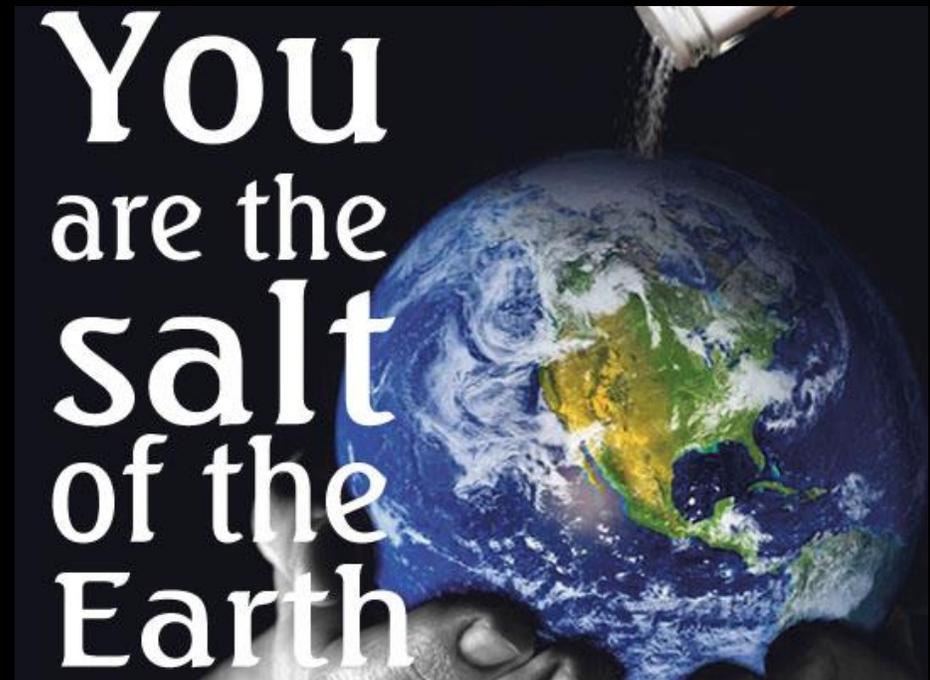
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What salt does

- Preserves
- Seasons
- Creates thirst.



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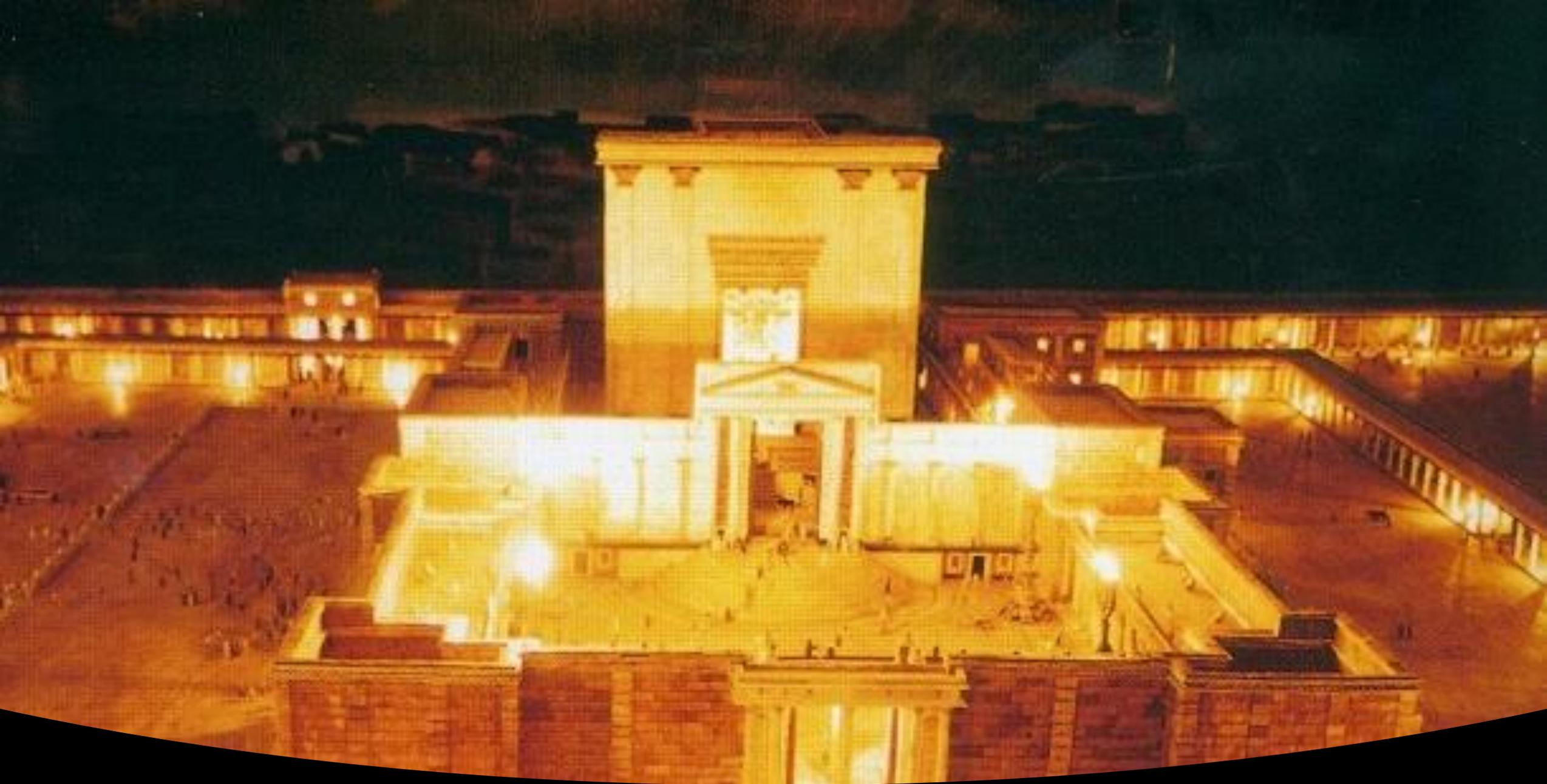


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Lighting of the Temple at Feast of Booths

*Again Jesus spoke to them,
saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk
in darkness, but will have the light
of life."*

John 8:12



Our light is defined
here as our good
works.

1 Peter 3:14-17

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled.

15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Next Step

Do something with a group or with two or three of your friends, or even by yourself, that will reveal to the person(s) you serve that Jesus is both interesting and beautiful.