

# FEAST OF LIGHT

**J**esus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 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." (Matthew 5:14-16)

The ancients believed that nothing was more useful than sunlight. Perhaps that is why Jesus called his disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Jesus said to them, "You are the light of the world." The disciples of Jesus need to be a light for the world.

How? First of all, the true light is, as Jesus himself tells us: "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). When a disciple of Jesus follows him, he himself becomes the light of Christ for others.

What does this mean? A person who leads an honest life shows others that such a life is possible in a corrupt world: an employee who does his job well, even when no one is watching his hands, is a shining light on the horizon; someone who can help in a selfless way proves that not everything should be reduced to a question of money.

The disciples of Christ, often discreet and faithful to the Gospel without fanfare or pomp, are certainly a light in their family,

professional, and daily lives, but also for the world because, thanks to them the light of Christ continues to shine in the shadows of a troubled contemporary world and sustains the hope of the victory of good.

May Faith and Light help us to become the light of Jesus Christ, and thus a light for others.

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