



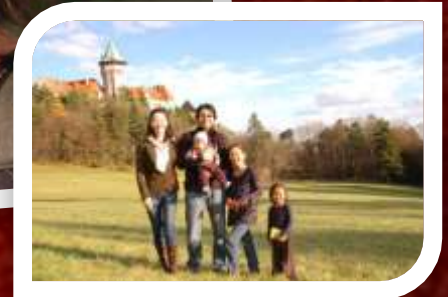
# Light

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Pray for the Sano Family!





*Festival of Light  
Dec 5th*



# Miracles & Freedom

“Then came the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the Temple...” Jn 10:22-23a



“V Jeruzaleme nastali slávnosti posvätenia chrámu; a bola zima. Keď sa Ježiš prechádzal v chráme...” Jan 10:22-23a



# History of Hanukkah

<sup>31</sup> “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... <sup>37</sup> Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it... <sup>20</sup> Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning.”

Exodus 25:31, 37; 27:20



“<sup>31</sup>Potom urob svietnik z čistého zlata; z tepaného zlata urob svietnik, podstavec i jeho ramená, kalíšky, hlavice i kvety na ňom z jedného kusa... <sup>37</sup>Urob preň aj sedem lúč, lampy postav naň, aby osvetľovali priestor pred ním... <sup>20</sup>Ty však prikáž Izraelcom, nech ti prinesú čistý, olivový olej z roztlčených olív na svetlo, aby ustavične horiaca lampa mohla byť nastavená.”

Exodus 25:31, 37; 27:20



# Alexander the Great



332 B.C., Alexander conquers Palestine and rules largely peaceably

323 B.C., Alexander dies and his territories are divided among his generals



# Pagan Invasion



-175 B.C., Antiochus IV, self-titled Epiphanies (god manifest), rises to power

-168 B.C., Antiochus IV begins persecution of the Jews

-Sabbath-keeping and circumcision were forbidden on pain of death

-Pagan sacrifices (including pigs!) and cult prostitution were held in the Temple



# REVOLT!

-167 B.C., Mattathias killed a Jew and Syrian official who had planned to offer a pagan sacrifice.

-He called all who were zealous for the law to follow him and his sons.

-The fled into the mountains and staged guerrilla warfare on the Syrians

-Mattathias died (he was old) and was succeeded by his son Judah





# Judah & the Temple

## Judah the Maccabee

- Judah became known as the Maccabee; Hebrew for Hammer, because he would squish his numerically superior enemies like bugs.
- Judah and his army retook Jerusalem and the Temple



## Temple Rededicated

- The Temple was ceremonially cleansed and rededicated
- Worship of God resumed
- Hasmonean Dynasty founded, marking 1st independent Jewish state in 600 years



# Hanukkah is born

-The Talmud states Judah discovered enough oil to light the lampstand, or Menorah, for one day. Rather than wait eight days for more oil to be produced, they lit the lamp and it miraculously remained lit until more oil was ready.



-Every year, on the 25 of Kislev, Jews celebrate Hanukkah, also known as The Feast of Dedication and The Feast of Lights. It is celebrated over eight days in which candles (special 9 pronged Menorahs) are lit in homes in celebration of the rededication of the temple.



# Festival of Lights

מעוז צור ישועתי. לך נאח לשבח.  
תכון בית תפילתי. ושם תודה נזבח.  
לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח.

או אגמור. בשיר מזמור. דבר המנבח.  
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# John 10:22-24

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."



<sup>22</sup>V Jeruzaleme nastali slávnosti posvätenia chrámu; a bola zima. <sup>23</sup>Ked' sa Ježiš prechádzal v chráme v sieni Šalamúnovej, <sup>24</sup>obkľúčili Ho Židia a spýtali sa Ho: Dokedy nám budeš držať dušu (v napätí)? Ak si ty Kristus, povedz nám otvorene.



# Conquering King vs. Suffering Servant

“He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.” Daniel 7:14

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<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”  
Isaiah 53:4-6

“<sup>14</sup>Dostal moc, slávu i kráľovstvo, aby Mu slúžili všetci ľudia, národy a národnosti. Jeho vláda je večná vláda a nepominie, Jeho kráľovstvo nezanikne.”  
Daniel 7:14

<sup>4</sup>Ale on niesol naše choroby, vzal na seba naše bolesti. My sme sa nazdali, že je zasiahnutý, Bohom bitý a strápený.  
<sup>5</sup>Ale on bol prebodnutý pre naše priestupky, zmučený pre naše neprávosti. On znášal trest za náš pokoj, jeho jazvami sa nám dostalo uzdravenia.  
<sup>6</sup>My všetci sme blúdili ako ovce, všetci sme chodili vlastnou cestou. Hospodin spôsobil, aby ho zasiahla nepravosť všetkých nás”  
Izaiáš 53:4-6



# Mine, Miracles, More

<sup>25</sup>Ježiš im riekol: Povedal som vám, a neveríte; skutky, ktoré činím v mene svojho Otca, svedčia o mne. <sup>26</sup>Ale vy neveríte, pretože nie ste z mojich oviec. <sup>27</sup>Moje ovce počúvajú môj hlas, aj ja ich poznám a nasledujú ma. <sup>28</sup>Ja im dávam večný život, a nezhynú naveky, a nikto mi ich nevytrhne z ruky. <sup>29</sup>Čo mi dal Otec, je väčšie ako všetko, a nikto to nemôže vytrhnúť Otcovi z ruky. <sup>30</sup>Ja a Otec sme jedno.” Jan 10:25-30



<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.” John 10:25-30



# John 10:31-39

<sup>31</sup> Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?”

<sup>33</sup> “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I have said you are “gods”’? <sup>35</sup> If he called them ‘gods,’ to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be set aside— <sup>36</sup> what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? <sup>37</sup> Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. <sup>38</sup> But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.” <sup>39</sup> Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

<sup>31</sup>Nato Židia zase zdvihli kamene, aby Ho kameňovali. <sup>32</sup>Ježiš im odpovedal: Mnoho dobrých skutkov som vám ukázal od Otca: pre ktorý z nich ma kameňujete?

<sup>33</sup>Odpovedali Mu Židia: Pre dobrý skutok Ťa nekameňujeme, ale pre rúhanie, že sa Ty, človek, robíš Bohom. <sup>34</sup>Odpovedal im Ježiš: Či nie je napísané vo vašom zákone: Ja som povedal: Bohovia ste. <sup>35</sup>Keď tých, ktorým bolo hovorené slovo Božie, pomenovali bohmi - a Písmo nemôže byť zrušené! -

<sup>36</sup>prečo tomu, ktorého Otec posvätil a poslal na svet, hovoríte: Rúhaš sa! preto, že som povedal: Syn Boží som? <sup>37</sup>Ak nečiním skutky svojho Otca, neverte mi, <sup>38</sup>ale ak ich činím, aj keď ste mne neverili, verte tým skutkom, aby ste poznali a vedeli, že Otec je vo mne a ja v Otcovi.

<sup>39</sup>Znovu Ho teda chceli zlapať, ale ušiel im z rúk



*“A Light shines in the darkness,  
but the darkness has not understood it.”*

John 1:9



“<sup>9</sup>Bolo však pravé svetlo, ktoré osvecuje každého človeka prichádzajúceho na svet. <sup>10</sup>Bolo vo svete a svet Ním povstal, ale svet Ho nepoznal.”

Jan 1:9-10



# Light of Life

“<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.”

Colossians 2:16-17



“<sup>16</sup>Nech vás teda nikto neposudzuje ani pre jedenie a pitie, ani pre sviatky, novomesiace alebo pre soboty, <sup>17</sup>ved' sú len tieňom budúcich vecí, ale telo je Kristovo”

Kolosenským 2:16-17



# Light of Life



## Shamash – “Servant”

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mt. 20:28

“Ako ani Syn človeka neprišiel, aby Jemu slúžili, ale aby On slúžil a dal dušu ako výkupné za mnohých.”  
Matúša 20:28



