

## Exodus 25 - “The Tabernacle”

As we pick things up in Exodus 25, we get into the instructions for the building of the tabernacle. The tabernacle is an exciting study because of the way that it is such a picture of Christ. We’ll see that later in our study.

There is a lot of content throughout God’s word detailing the tabernacle. There are 50 chapters in the Bible devoted to the tabernacle:

- Exodus has 13 chapters
- Leviticus has 18 chapters
- Numbers has 13 chapters
- Deuteronomy has 2 chapters
- Hebrews has 4 chapters

There’s 2 chapters devoted to creation. No doubt creation is mentioned in other places, but primarily two focus on the details of creation.

So why is there so much focus on the tabernacle? Because of the amazing pictures and types we see of Christ through the Tabernacle. Perhaps you’ve never considered this before and are wondering how you get Christ from the tabernacle? Well, we’re going to look at these things in our study through the remainder of Exodus over the next few weeks.

There is some overlap as Chapters 25-31 give us the **instructions** for the tabernacle, and Chapters 35-40 give us the **implementation** of the tabernacle.

Verse(s)	Command	Fulfillment
25:1–7	call for offerings of various materials	35:4–9; 35:21–29
25:10–22	the ark	37:1–9
25:23–30	the table	37:10–16
25:31–39	the lamp stand	37:17–24
26:1–37	the tabernacle proper	36:8–38
27:1–8	bronze altar for burnt offerings	38:1–7
27:20–21	oil for the lamp stand	command renewed in Lev 24:1–3
28:1–5	priests’ dress summary	command renewed in 35:19; fulfilled in 39:1, 41; cf. 40:13–14; Lev 8:7–8

28:6–14	ephod	39:2–7
28:15–30	breastpiece	39:8–21; Lev 8:8
28:31–43	remaining priests' garments	39:22–31
29:1–37	consecrating priests	Lev 8:1–36
29:38–43	daily offerings	command renewed in Num 28:1–8
29:44	consecration of tabernacle and altar	command renewed in 40:9 command renewed in 40:10; fulfilled in Lev 8:11
29:44	consecration of priests	command renewed in 40:13
30:1–5	incense altar	37:25–28
30:6	incense altar placement	command renewed in 40:6; fulfilled in 40:26
30:7–9	rules for incense burning	40:27
30:10	atonement for incense altar	command renewed in Lev 4:7
30:17–21	bronze washing basin	38:8; 40:30
30:22–33	anointing oil for objects and priests	35:28; 37:29; 40:9; Lev 8:10–12, 30
30:34–38	incense	35:28; 37:29; 39:38; 40:27
31:1–11	Bezalel and Oholiab: work overview	35:30–35; 36:1–7
31:12–17	Sabbath	command renewed in 35:1–3; Lev 23:3; cf. Num 15:32–36; Deut 5:12–15 <sup>1</sup>

So, 13 chapters in the book of Exodus detailing the tabernacle, it's furnishings, the priests, etc.

Chapters 32-34 are sort of a parenthetical passage which reveals the truth that Moses discovers on top of the mountain and the trouble that is occurring on the bottom of the mountain.

- It's quite like the reality we see here during our life. The truth of God is above us, while there is sin and trouble here below, and in between is a tabernacle, where troubled man can meet with a truthful God.

<sup>1</sup> Merida, T. (2014). *Exalting Jesus in Exodus* (Ex 25–40). Holman Reference.

Throughout the ages, we've seen many elaborate and beautiful buildings constructed: The Great pyramids of Egypt, The palace at Machu Pichu, England's Westminster Abbey, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Taj Mahal in India. Many of these are centered around worship, revealing man's innate desire to reach God. And though the tabernacle would not stand out in appearance next to these great buildings, it was nevertheless the most important structure ever built because it was the only building designed by God and truly designed for God. This would be the place where He would dwell and meet with His people. More on that to come.

So, in order to see this structure built, we need some resources! That's how the chapter starts out.

## 1. The Resources for the Tabernacle – 25:1-7

**25:1-7 - *Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering. <sup>3</sup> And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; <sup>4</sup> blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; <sup>5</sup> ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; <sup>6</sup> oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; <sup>7</sup> onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.***

God had Moses speak to the nation of Israel to bring an offering to God. Now, I'm sure you caught this, but pay special attention to this – they were to bring it willingly from their heart. This was not a forced, obligatory offering. Moses didn't need to give some big speech on the value of giving with the worship team playing a timely instrumental to manipulate the emotions of the people. Just make the need known and let people respond as they're led. Don't coerce people, let it be done voluntarily.

- This is an area that many people sadly think the church is all about. 'They're just wanting your money', they'll say. And sadly there are a lot of swindlers operating in the name of Christ that are tragically misrepresenting Christ in this area.
- Yes, there are portions of Scripture where God calls for a tithe (a tenth), but God is not needing your money – He's after your heart. And our view toward money and giving is often a good indicator of where our heart is.
- **Matthew 6:21**, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

God continues to call His people to give willingly and to give cheerfully.

- **2 Corinthians 9:6–7**, *"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."*

How can we be cheerful givers when sometimes it's such a sacrifice?

I see a few things here.

1. Our giving brings about blessing from God. We don't give to get a blessing. That's what prosperity preachers want you to think. This is 'seed money' they'll say. And when you plant that seed, your bank account is going to burst forth with new life! Listen, we don't give for what we can get out of it. Otherwise, that just becomes a selfish act with you at the center of it. That would be like me giving a set of left handed golf clubs to my wife for her birthday. First of all, she's not a golfer, and secondly, she's not left handed. Guess what, I just gained a new set of golf clubs! That's not the right motivation in giving or the right gift for her!  
But we can take joy in giving knowing that God is going to take care of us! You're not going to lose out in giving. You're going to be blessed.
2. Our giving contributes to the work of God. The items that the people gave all went in to the construction of the tabernacle. It furthered the Lord's work. Yes, the Lord could have just dropped down a fully furnished tabernacle from heaven, complete and ready to go, but He allowed the people to participate in His work and to be contributors in His plans. I love that. Again, there is much joy that comes when we get to partner with what God is doing and know that He allowed us to be a part of it.  
When you give to Riverside, it's not just so I can go and buy a new set of left handed golf clubs, it's so that we can continue to see the gospel spread and see lives changed through the good news. When we give we're partnering with the work God is doing through outreach, bible studies, activities, missions, etc.
3. Our giving reveals our gratitude to God. When we give, we're simply returning to God what He's already so graciously given to us. We're acknowledging that He's the ultimate Giver, and we're just the stewards of what He's entrusted to us.  
Think about this, in Exodus 25:3-5, the people of Israel were told to bring **...gold, silver, and bronze; <sup>4</sup> blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; <sup>5</sup> ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood.**

Where did they get all these items from? Egypt!

**Exodus 3:21–22**, *"And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. <sup>22</sup> But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."*

The people of Israel were rich not because they worked so hard for it, but because God was gracious to them. And now they get to respond back to God by giving from what they've already received from Him. That's how we need to look at giving. Not so much from a sacrificial, 'this is going to hurt me' position, but from a 'thank you God for all you've given me, I want to honor you with the firstfruits of this gift'.

This is what brings cheerfulness to our giving!

Skipping ahead to when the people actually started to bring their contributions for the construction of the tabernacle, look at what we read:

**Exodus 36:6–7**, *"So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing, <sup>7</sup> for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much."*

That's a great problem to have! I don't think you'll ever hear me say that. But what a blessing to see people willing to give and see the needs met and the work of the Lord flourish!

"More than 400 Bible passages talk specifically about money, as well as many others that teach general principles for Christian stewardship. Exodus 25 is one of those passages. The instructions God gave to Moses teach us to give our very best to God—from the heart—for his holy work."<sup>2</sup>

## 2. The Purpose of the Tabernacle – 25:8-9

<sup>2</sup> Ryken, P. G., & Hughes, R. K. (2005). *Exodus: saved for God's glory* (p. 802). Crossway Books.

**25:8-9 - *And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. <sup>9</sup> According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.***

Here we begin to see some of the purposes for the building of a tabernacle. First of all, we see that it was to be a **sanctuary**. The word in Hebrew is *miqdash* which means sacred place or holy place. In other words, it was to be a place set apart from anything that was sinful or defiled. It was to be a sanctified place consecrated to God.

Why was this place to be set apart and kept from defilement and sin? The answer is in our second point.

The second purpose for the temple was that God may **dwell among His people**. God wanted a place set apart, but not so that He would be set apart from His people. He wanted to dwell among them. He wanted to reveal His glory and majesty to them in a tangible way.

- This word **dwell** in Hebrew is the word *shakan*. We get the non-biblical word shekinah from this word. We use shekinah to refer to this visible glory of God that came upon the people. And that's what this word dwell is all about. It means to settle, abide, to reside, to inhabit.
- This is what God wanted to do through this tabernacle. And the amazing thing is that this is what Jesus came to reveal when He took on flesh. We read in **John 1:14**, *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*
- The word **dwell** there is literally *tabernacled*. The tabernacle would be a place for God to reveal His glory, and Jesus came to tabernacle among us to reveal the fullness of God!

Thirdly, we see through Scripture that the tabernacle was sometimes referenced as the *tent of meeting*. This is a great reminder for us, because it's here that God desired to meet with His people. There was allowance for Israel to come before God through the High Priest of Israel, who was interceding on behalf of the nation.

Again, what a great picture of Jesus.

- **Hebrews 7:25**, *"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."*

Interestingly, as we see the purposes for this tabernacle in God dwelling among, and meeting with, His people, the tabernacle would be situated in the middle of their camp with the various tribes of Israel camped around it.

And what an amazing picture we see of the tribes and how Numbers give the size of these tribes. It would have produced a wonderful image [show slides].

And notice in Verse 9, there was no artistic license that Moses was able to take here. There was no freestyling on the plans God gave him. God said to make them ***according to all that I show you... just so you shall make it***. And this was important enough for God to repeat that at the end of the chapter:

**Exodus 25:40**, *"And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain."*

Why was this so important?

Because the patterns that God was giving Moses for the tabernacle and its furnishings was according to the pattern of Heaven! The tabernacle was an *earthly replica of heavenly realities!*

- **Hebrews 8:4–5**, *"For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; <sup>5</sup> who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.""*

What Moses was called to replicate was the very scene around God's throne in Heaven.

- **Revelation 11:19**, *"Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."*

This is why studying through the tabernacle is not a boring, painful procedure. We see some amazing symbols and types that reveal the glory of God and they become a wonderful picture of Jesus for us too.

### 3. The Furnishings in the Tabernacle – 25:10-40

#### **The Ark of the Testimony – 25:10-22**

When you would walk into the tabernacle, the ark would not be the first thing you would see. We're not taking an orderly tour of the furnishings of the ark. But we'll see the importance and priority of this item and the role it will play.

**25:10-11 - *And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. <sup>11</sup> And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around.***

This ark was a box. A cubit was about 18 inches. So the length of this ark was 3'9"; its width was 2'3"; and its height was 2'3".

This ark was a wonderful picture of Jesus in and of itself:

1. It was made of acacia wood. This speaks of the humanity of Jesus. He came as a man and was clothed in humanity.
2. It was overlaid with gold. This speaks of the deity of Jesus. Though Jesus was fully man, he was fully God! This is a great mystery to us.

**1 Timothy 3:16**, *"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."*

**25:12-15 - *You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side. <sup>13</sup> And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. <sup>15</sup> The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.***

This ark was to be carried by the poles. Nobody was to touch it. It was to be revered as holy. Remember a couple times when the ark wasn't handled this way: Uzzah in 2 Samuel 6 reached out to hold the ark and he was struck dead. Also in 1 Samuel 4-7 when Israel went to war with the Philistines, they took the ark out to battle thinking this was going to be like a good luck charm. But they instead suffered a great defeat and the Philistines ended up capturing the ark. They then placed the ark in the temple of their god dagon (or their dagon god!). They came in the next day and there was dagon on the ground. They had to prop him up and set him back in place. The next day they came in and dagon was on the ground again and this time his head and hand were broken off. They thought Israel's God would be bowed in reverence to Dagon, but it was Dagon that ended up bowing before Yahweh.

The ark was to be holy and treated as such as it represented the presence of God.



**25:16-21 - And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you. <sup>17</sup> “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. <sup>18</sup> And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup> Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. <sup>20</sup> And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. <sup>21</sup> You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.**

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The ark was a picture of Jesus:

3. It contained the Testimony within. The Testimony was the 10 commandments, the law of God, that was given to Moses. This speaks of the righteousness of Jesus. He alone has fulfilled the law. We’re not saved by the law, the law is meant to drive us to Jesus.

On top of the ark were two cherubim. All around the tabernacle were images of cherubim. It was again a reflection of what was taking place around the throne of God in heaven. Angels are continuously worshipping God. They are bowing before Him, as these two cherubim are bowing at the mercy seat.

“Angels also serve as a sign of the presence and work of God. If they are near, God is working.” <sup>3</sup>

The reason this ark was such a priority because God says it’s here at the mercy seat that He would meet with them.

4. The mercy seat.

**25:22 - And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> Merida, T. (2014). *Exalting Jesus in Exodus* (Ex 25:10–22). Holman Reference.

Now remember, this ark sat in the holy of holies of the tabernacle.

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It was in the holy of holies that only the high priest could enter and only one day of the year.

- The priest was to come in after offering the sacrifice on behalf of the nation and for their sin, and sprinkle the blood upon the mercy seat. It was to atone for the people's sin. "Over the mercy seat hovered the presence of God – under the mercy seat sat the demands of the Law – but between the two, on that blood-stained lid, God's mercy and His justice were reconciled by the blood of a sacrifice. The mercy seat was the one place on earth where men and women could obtain God's mercy.
- And today there is still only one place to find mercy – it's no longer a lid, it's the Lord. Only Jesus can put a lid on the condemnation and judgment that comes through the law. Jesus is our place of mercy. In Him, God's justice and mercy are reconciled." (Sandy Adams).
- God has provided a place of mercy by which we can be reconciled to Him and enjoy His presence.

Paul links a certain word to this mercy seat...

**Romans 3:21–25**, *"But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,"*

- The word propitiation speaks of this mercy seat. It's in Christ that God not only covers our sin, but completely removes it and brings forgiveness, mercy and grace. The cross of Christ has become our mercy seat!

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 "There are a number of interesting theories on its location... *Some real life Raiders of the Lost Ark are hard at work...*

Some people think Jeremiah hid the Ark in the mountains of Moab – and have launched expeditions to the Jordanian side of the Dead Sea in search of the Ark. Other scholars believe the Ark is being kept in a monastery in Ethiopia.

The former Rabbi of the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Yehuda Getz, said he saw the Ark of the Covenant in one of the tunnels running under the Temple Mount. Several years ago, researcher Ron Wyatt, claimed to have seen the Ark in a tunnel that ran under Golgotha, north of the Temple Mount. He believes it was under the mountain where Jesus was crucified - so when the blood of Jesus trickled through the crevices it ended up being sprinkled on the mercy seat. Whether or not the Ark that Moses made is ever discovered we don't know, but there is a more important Ark that is accessible to us daily... The real Ark is God's throne in heaven. And we're encouraged in Hebrews 4:16 to, "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Sandy Adams)

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### **The Table of Showbread – 25:23-30**

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**25:23-30 - “You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. <sup>24</sup> And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around. <sup>25</sup> You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around. <sup>26</sup> And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that are at its four legs. <sup>27</sup> The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. <sup>28</sup> And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. <sup>29</sup> You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold. <sup>30</sup> And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.**

Not only do we get the privilege of meeting with God, we have the extreme privilege of being able to fellowship with God. This table now speaks of the substance of that fellowship.

This table would have the showbread on it. Jesus came to be the bread of life (John 6:35). It's by abiding in Him that we are nourished and provided for.

This is also a great picture of the Word of God. *Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God* (Matthew 4:4).

This bread was to feed the priests ministering in the tabernacle. As they would eat this bread each Sabbath, it reminds us how the nation of Israel was to feed a hungry world with the spiritual bread God provided for them.

Today we are to go into the world and make disciples. How? Take the Word of God to a hungry world.

“There was one loaf for each of the 12 tribes. The bread served as a reminder that every tribe played a role in God’s family. Each tribe had a seat at the table.”<sup>4</sup>

### **The Gold Lampstand – 25:31-40**

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**25:31-33 - *You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.<sup>32</sup> And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.<sup>33</sup> Three bowls shall be made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower—and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.***

This lampstand would be the only source of light in the tabernacle. It would illuminate the way.

Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12)! When did He shine the brightest? At the darkest moment in history when the Son of God was betrayed, beaten, and brutally nailed to the cross.

This lampstand would be of hammered work. In the same way, God allows us to go through hardships. Sometimes we feel hammered by the pressures of life, but they all become opportunities for us to shine our light for God. It’s in these moments of darkness that the light shines through the brightest.

There were 3 branches on each side. 6 equals the number of man. But when connected to Christ, we are complete (7 is the number of completion).

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<sup>4</sup> Merida, T. (2014). *Exalting Jesus in Exodus* (Ex 25:23–30). Holman Reference.

And then on each of these branches were 3 bowls looking like almond blossoms. Why bowls? The bowls hold the oil.

- If we are going to shine bright for Jesus, we need to have our lamps filled with oil, which is a picture of the Holy Spirit. When we are walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, we'll be fruitful as witnesses of God.

**25:34-40 - *On the lampstand itself four bowls shall be made like almond blossoms, each with its ornamental knob and flower. <sup>35</sup> And there shall be a knob under the first two branches of the same, a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, according to the six branches that extend from the lampstand. <sup>36</sup> Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece; all of it shall be one hammered piece of pure gold. <sup>37</sup> You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it. <sup>38</sup> And its wick-trimmers and their trays shall be of pure gold. <sup>39</sup> It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. <sup>40</sup> And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.***

Just like branches need to be pruned to encourage growth, so too wicks need to be trimmed to ensure it keeps burning.

- God will at times prune us and trim us to clip away those things that may hinder growth and prevent us from shining our light for Jesus.

The Tabernacle pictures Jesus perfectly:

- 1) The Tabernacle was temporary.
  - Just as the Tabernacle was to be a temporary set-up until the Temple would be built in Jerusalem, so too Jesus was here dwelling among us temporarily. Jesus came to this earth as one of us for about 33 years.
- 2) The Tabernacle was used in the wilderness.
  - Jesus too came and lived a life out in the wilderness. Jesus Himself said, *"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* (**Matt 8:20**). He lived a life without a permanent address. Not only was He tempted in the wilderness, but He lived a life without the comforts of a king.
- 3) The Tabernacle was of humble appearance outwardly.
  - The Tabernacle was made of curtains and boards, nothing too aesthetic about it. Similarly, Jesus came as an ordinary man. **Isaiah 53:2** says, *"He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."* Judas had to reveal to the soldiers His identity.

- 4) The Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God.
  - Though humble in appearance outwardly, it was beautiful inside as it was where God dwelt. Jesus too was attractive because He was God with us – Immanuel. The scene at the Mt. of Transfiguration revealed the glory that Jesus beheld.
- 5) The Tabernacle would be the meeting place between God and man.
  - Jesus too said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* (**John 14:6**). We can meet with God based on Christ’s righteousness, and God meets with us based on Christ’s righteousness.
- 6) The Tabernacle had one door of entrance.
  - Jesus said, *“I am the door...”* (**John 10:7**). We have access today to God through Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 4:16** says, *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace...”* This is a reminder that there is no other way. It’s in Jesus alone.
- 7) The Tabernacle was to be moved.
  - Jesus who was eternally existent, left His place in the heavens, took up residence here on earth, and then was again at the right hand of the Father. He is getting ready to be on the move again, as He will meet us in the clouds and take us to be where He is.

It’s a precious picture that reminds us of the person of Jesus Christ and His ministry.