

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

Lesson 02

1. “I know your deeds, your hard work,
and your perseverance.”
2. “I know your affliction and your
poverty.”
3. “I know where you live.”
4. “I know . . . your love and faith, your
service and pleasure.”

He walks among the lampstands, patrolling
and supervising His churches.

He is the chief pastor of His people.

John 10:11-14

“¹¹ I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

“¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me.”

Hebrews 13:20

“²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord.”

John 5:26-30

“²⁶ For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; ²⁷ and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”

Luke 13:1-5

“¹³ Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? ³ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.’”

Matthew 10:34

“³⁴ Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

Matthew 5:29-30

“²⁹ If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.”

Luke 9:57-62

“⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, ‘I will follow You wherever You go.’ ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, ‘The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.’ ⁵⁹ And He said to another, ‘Follow Me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.’ ⁶⁰ But He said to him, ‘Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.’

Luke 9:57-62 continued

⁶¹ Another also said, ‘I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.’ ⁶² But Jesus said to him, ‘No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.’”

Luke 12:49-53

“⁴⁹ I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; ⁵² for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Luke 14:25-27

“²⁵ Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.
²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.’”

Luke 8:19-21

“¹⁹ And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And it was reported to Him, ‘Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You.’ ²¹ But He answered and said to them, ‘My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.’”

The most significant reason for being “direct” or “blunt” is the weightiness of that which is to be communicated.

Revelation 2:4-5

“⁴ But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place — unless you repent.”

Revelation 2:12b, 15, 16

“^{12b} The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:”

“¹⁴ But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality.”

“¹⁶ Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.”

Revelation 2:21-23

“²¹ I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

²³ And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.”

Revelation 3:16

“¹⁶ So because you are lukewarm,
and neither hot nor cold, I will
spit you out of My mouth.”

Revelation 3:19

“¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove
and discipline; therefore be zealous
and repent.”

II Corinthians 7:8-10

“⁸ For though I caused you **sorrow** by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it — for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while — ⁹ I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of **repentance**; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. ¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to **salvation**, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

**The omniscience of God is
both unsettling and a
comfort.**

**Nevertheless, may it always
lead us to repentance.**