

# Seven Facts about the Tabernacle

## as it prefigured the Lord Jesus Christ.

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1. **The Tabernacle was a temporary structure.** Unlike the temple of Solomon which came later and was a permanent structure, the tabernacle was a tent, something suited to be moved from place to place. In the same way - the Lord Jesus lived in a human body, a tent, and his stay was brief (a mere 33 years). He was constantly on the move, with no place to lay his head.
2. **The Tabernacle was a humble dwelling.** Unattractive in outward appearance unlike the magnificent Temple of Solomon. All you would see looking at the Tabernacle were boards and animal skins, just as the divine majesty of Jesus Christ was hidden beneath a veil of flesh! Isaiah tells us that he had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:2)
3. Within the Most Holy Place, **the glory of God dwelt** between the two Cherubim - and on the mount of transfiguration a hint of the glory of the unique God-man Christ Jesus was revealed as He stood between two prophets - Moses and Elijah. John records, "We beheld his glory."
4. **The Tabernacle was the place where God met with man.** Christ is the meeting place between God and man. No one comes to the Father but by Him. (John 14:6) There is but one mediator between God and man - the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)
5. **The Tabernacle was the place where the Law was preserved - inside the ark of the covenant.** Jesus declared that He had come to fulfill the Law. (Matthew 5:17) Throughout His perfect life, the Lord Jesus preserved in thought, word and deed the Divine Law of God, honoring, magnifying and fulfilling God's Law.
6. **The Tabernacle was the place where sacrifice was made.** On the Bronze altar the animals were slain, their blood was shed and atonement was made for sin. The Cross was the altar upon which the Lamb of God was slain, where His precious blood was shed, and where complete atonement was made for sin.
7. **The Tabernacle had but one door** - one single entrance. Jesus said, "I am the door." (John 10:9) Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the only way to the Father. The tabernacle provided a way into the very presence of God.