

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- 1 a) Look in St John's Gospel 1:5-8 and 3:19-21.
Take from these passages brief quotes to show that
- i) Jesus is the Light of the World.
 - ii) the Light will triumph over all darkness.
 - iii) the Light gives light to all people.
 - iv) some people reject the Light.



b) How are Catholics reminded that Christ is the Light of the World:

- i) at Easter?
- ii) just before every Mass?
- iii) at baptism?

Extension

Many of the symbols used for Jesus and his message combine both

- i) a *comforting and healing* aspect with
- ii) a *challenging and uncompromising* aspect.

Can you explain how these aspects are present in the following images used for Jesus and his message? The references give clues.

- a) Light of the World (John 3:19, 8:12, 9:5, ...)
- b) Double-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12, Revelations 1:16, ...)
- c) Block of stone (Mark 12:10, 1 Corinthians 8:9, 1 Peter 2:7)