

# A Walk Through Holy Week

*Overview of Passion Week Events*

# Who are our sources?

- **Matthew** – Jewish tax-collector, Jesus told him “Follow Me”, one of The Twelve
- **Mark** – John Mark, cousin of Barnabas, not one of The Twelve, interviewed Simon Peter for information for his gospel
- **Luke** – Gentile physician, probably led to faith by Apostle Paul, not one of The Twelve
- **John** – brother of James, influenced by John the Baptist, one of The Twelve, wrote books of 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation

- The Bible has four books dedicated to describing Jesus' earthly life and ministry. What's amazing is how much the Gospels focus on the last week of Jesus' final week.
- The breakdown according to each of the Gospels:
  - A third of Matthew, from Matthew 21-28
  - A third of Mark, from Mark 11-16
  - A quarter of Luke, from Luke 19-24
  - Nearly half of John, from John 12-20
- The Gospel of John is the most concentrated upon the last week of Jesus. Nearly a third of John's Gospel is dedicated to one day, from John 13-19.
- There are a total of 89 chapters from all four Gospels. Of those chapters, 29 focus on the final week. These chapters comprise one-third of the Gospels.
- Andy Naselli said, "The Gospels are essentially passion narratives with extended introductions."



# The Passion Week

*Matthew 21-27*

Key events during Jesus' final week

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Crowds cheer Jesus' entry to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)  
21:1-11

Jesus angers leaders by throwing vendors out of the temple  
21:12-46

Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders  
23-25

Judas bribed to betray Jesus  
26:14-16

The Last Supper; Judas betrays Jesus; Peter denies Jesus  
26:17-75

Jesus' crucifixion; the chief priests rally the people to chant, "Crucify him!"  
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\* HOLY WEEK \*

Sunday:

Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11

Monday:

Fig Tree & Temple: Mark 11:12-19

Tuesday:

Lesson from Fig Tree: Mark 11:20-26

Wednesday:

Teaching & Plot: Luke 21:37-38; 22:1-2

Thursday:

Passover: John 13:1-35; Luke 22:14-23

Friday:

Crucifixion & Burial: Mark 15:1-47

Saturday:

In the Tomb: Isaiah 53:9

Sunday:

Resurrection Sunday: John 20:1-29

# Last Week of Jesus' Life

**Palm  
Sunday**

**Resurrection  
Sunday**

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Jesus'  
Triumphal  
Entry

Judas Plans  
His Betrayal  
of Jesus

Judas  
Betrays  
Jesus

Jesus'  
Physical  
Body Dies

Jesus  
Is In  
The Grave

Jesus  
Returns  
To Life

Day  
6 am - 6 pm

Night  
6 pm - 6 am

On the  
cross

Died

Returned  
To Life

Nisan 10

Nisan 11

Nisan 12

Nisan 13

Nisan 14

Nisan 15

Nisan 16

Nisan 17

Passover

Last  
Supper

Days begin at SUNDOWN  
on the Hebrew calendar





## **Day & Location**

Palm Sunday in  
Jerusalem

## **Event**

Triumphant entry into  
Jerusalem on donkey colt

## **Scripture Reference**

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’ ” Matthew 21:1-5



The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the (date) trees and spreading them in the road. The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest!" When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21:6-11



# Branches from date palm trees

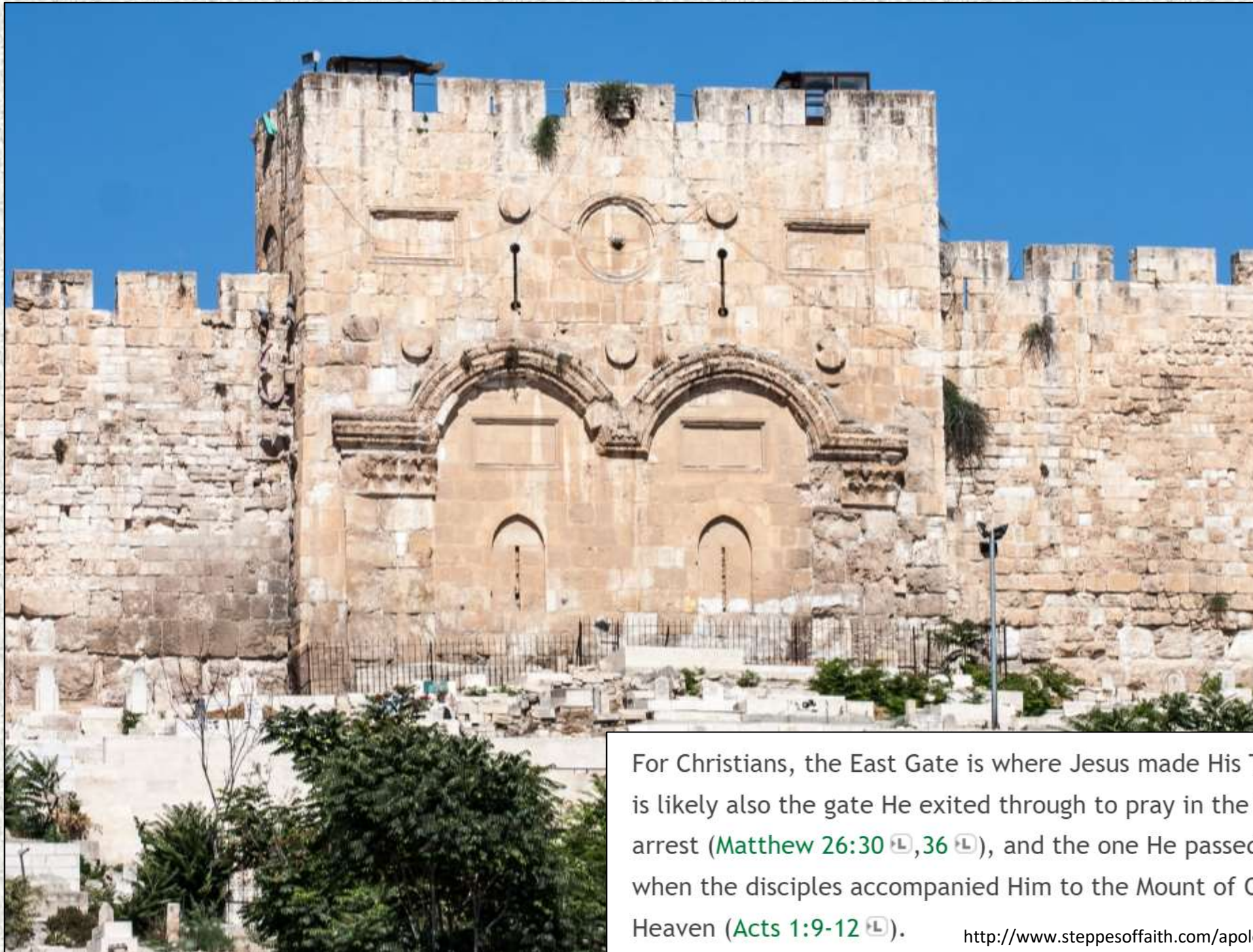








# Palm Sunday Road in Jerusalem today





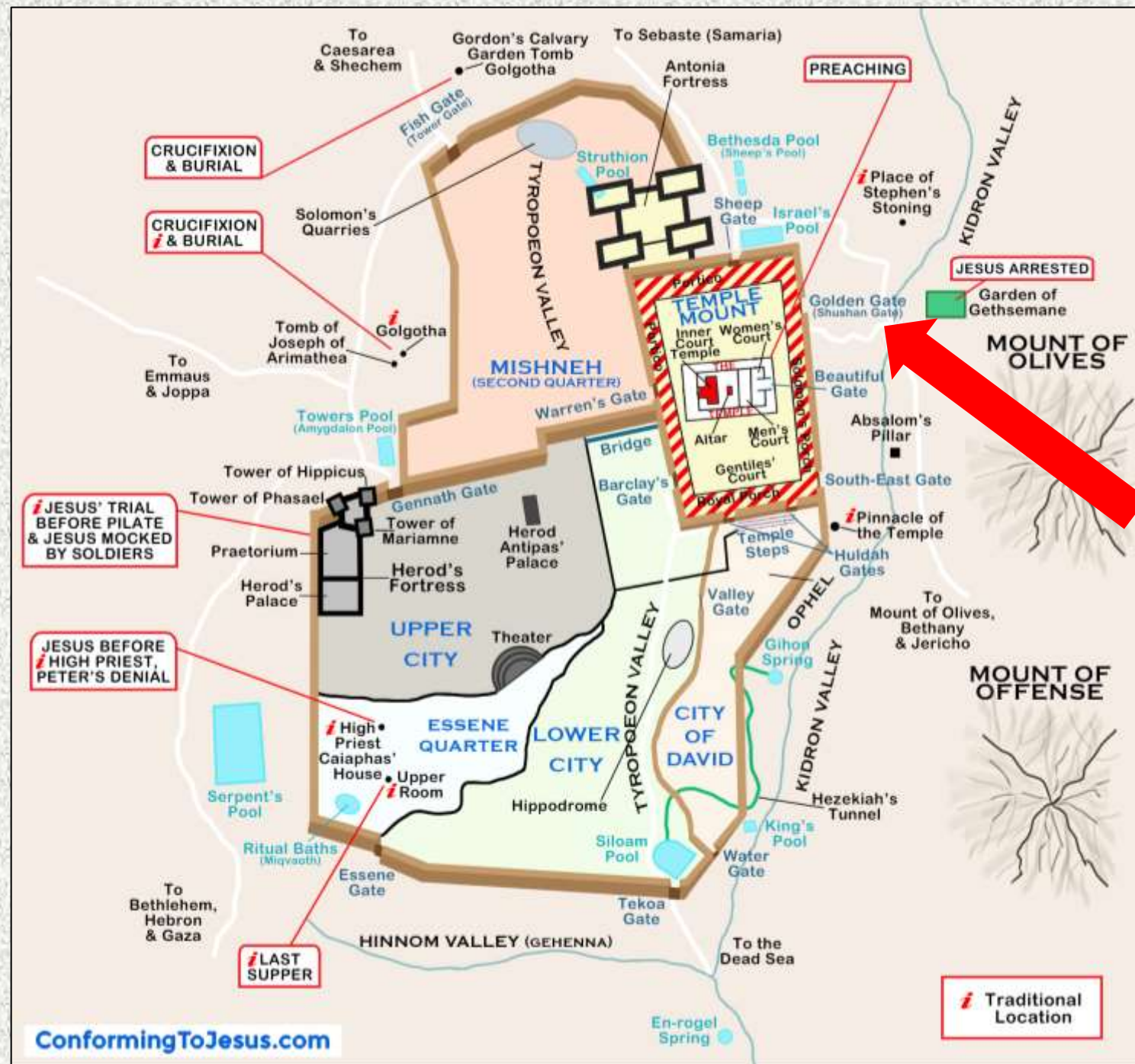


For Christians, the East Gate is where Jesus made His Triumphant Entry ([John 12:12-15](#) ). It is likely also the gate He exited through to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane the night of His arrest ([Matthew 26:30](#) , [36](#) ), and the one He passed through 40 days after His resurrection when the disciples accompanied Him to the Mount of Olives before His last ascension into Heaven ([Acts 1:9-12](#) .

<http://www.stepssofffaith.com/apologetics/history-prophecy-triumphant-entry-gate>



# JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS





Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

## **Prophecies fulfilled at Jesus' arrival**

<b>Zech. 9:9a</b>	<b>Greeted with rejoicing in Jerusalem</b>	<b>Matthew 21:8-10</b>
<b>Zech. 9:9b</b>	<b>Beheld as King</b>	<b>John 12:12-13</b>
<b>Zech. 9:9c</b>	<b>The Messiah would be just</b>	<b>John 5:30</b>
<b>Zech. 9:9d</b>	<b>The Messiah would bring salvation</b>	<b>Luke 19:10</b>
<b>Zech. 9:9e</b>	<b>The Messiah would be humble</b>	<b>Matthew 11:29</b>
<b>Zech. 9:9f</b>	<b>Presented to Jerusalem riding on a donkey</b>	<b>Matthew 21:6-9</b>





## **Day & Location**

Monday in Jerusalem

## **Event**

Cursed the Fig Tree

## **Scripture Reference**

Matthew 21:18-22

Mark 11:12-14



Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, "No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered. Seeing this, the disciples were amazed and asked, "How did the fig tree wither all at once?" And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen. And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Matthew 21:18-22



## **Day & Location**

Monday in Jerusalem

## **Event**

Cleansing the Temple

## **Scripture Reference**

Matthew 21:12-13

Mark 11:15-18

Luke 19:45-46



Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? [quoting Isaiah 56:7] But you have made it a robbers' den." The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching. Mark 11:15-18

# Day & Location

Tuesday in Jerusalem

## Events

Authority of Jesus questioned

Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33;  
Luke 20:1-8

Jesus teaches in temple

Matt. 21:28-23:39;  
Mark 12:1-44; Luke 20:9-21:4

Taught disciples at Mount of Olives

Matt. 24-25; Mark 13:1-37;  
Luke 21:5-38



Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.” As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”

Matthew 24:1-8

“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:9-14



## **Day & Location**

Tuesday in the village of Bethany  
(on the eastern slope of  
the Mount of Olives)

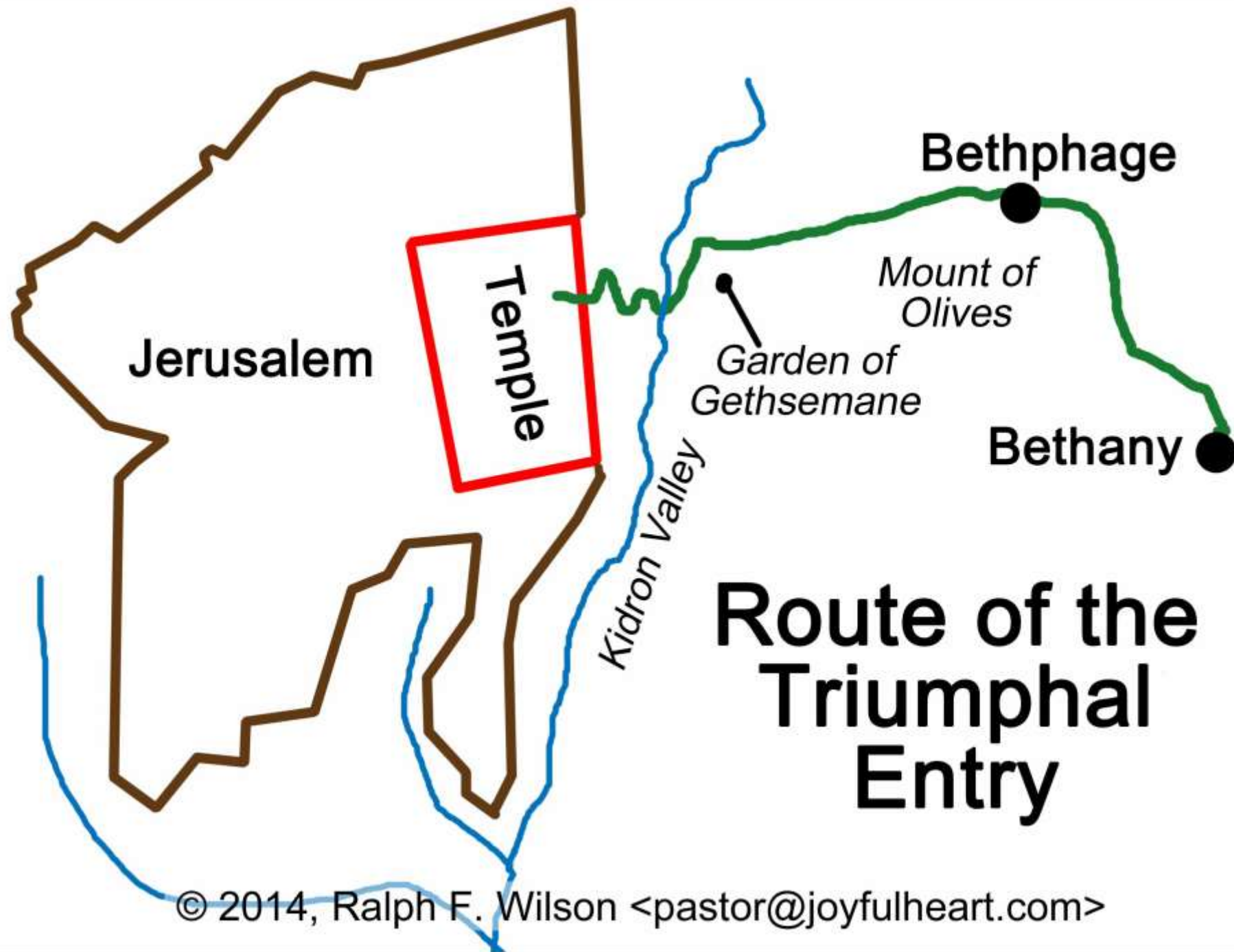


## **Event**

In Simon's home, Mary anointed Jesus' feet

## **Scripture Reference**

Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8



**Jerusalem  
in the days  
of Jesus**

**He enters  
the city on  
Palm  
Sunday**



Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at the table. But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, “Why this waste? For this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me. For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me. For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”

Matthew 26:6-13



## **Day & Location**

Wednesday in Jerusalem

## **Event**

Judas Iscariot's plot  
against Jesus

## **Scripture Reference**

Matthew 26:14-16;

Mark 14:1-2, 10-11



# Judas Iscariot

Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

Matthew 26:14-16

- The friend becomes a betrayer
- Judas sold out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, the cost of a slave
- How could he do it? Would I do it?
- Judas was responsible for his own sin even though it fit into God’s eternal plan
- Tragedy: people who are around Jesus but never redeemed by Jesus

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him [Jesus] to death; for they were afraid of the people. And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. So he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd. Luke 22:1-6



# **Old Testament Prophecy of the Betrayal of Messiah Jesus**

Even my close friend in whom I  
trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted  
up his heel against me. Psalm 41:9

# Day & Location

Thursday in Jerusalem

Thursday outside Jerusalem

## Event

Disciples prepare Passover Supper

Jesus Washes Feet of Disciples

Jesus Identifies Betrayer

Ate Passover Meal (Lord's Supper) in Upper Room

Jesus predicts Peter's denial

Jesus comforts the disciples

Jesus' high priestly prayer

Jesus and disciples go to Gethsemane to pray

## Scripture Reference

Matt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16

John 13:3-20

Matt. 26:20-25; Mark 14:17-21

Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25

Matt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31

John 14:1-16:33

John 17:1-26

Matt. 26:36; Mark 14:32;  
Luke 22:39



# **Jesus celebrated Passover**

## **[Pesach פֶּסַח]**

### **at the Last Supper**

**Mark 14:12-17**

**Luke 22:14-16**

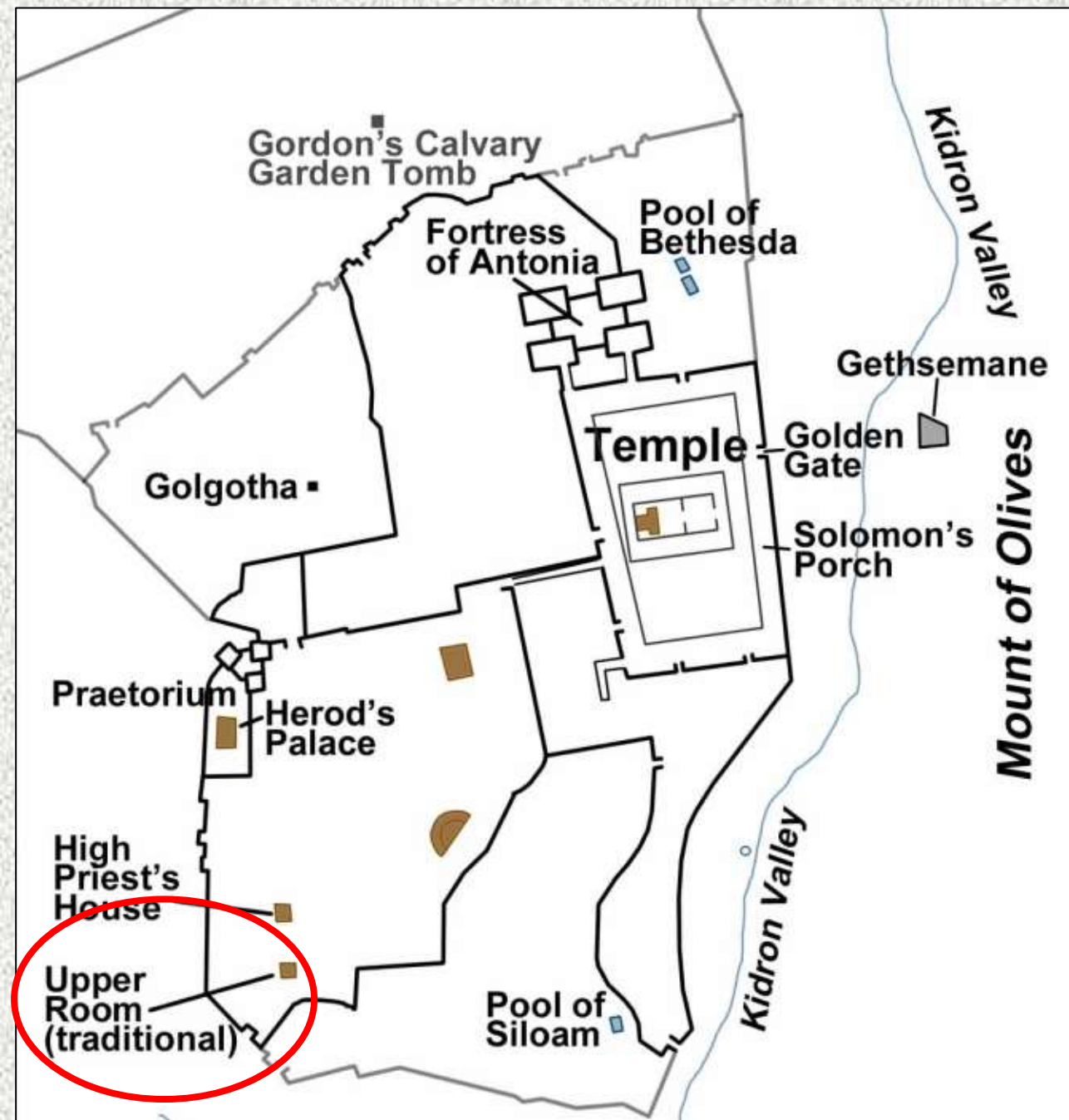
**Matthew 26:20-29**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?” ’ And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; prepare for us there.” The disciples went out and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening He came with the twelve.

Mark 14:12-17



# Map of Jerusalem in the days of Jesus



Upper Room today

**Jesus washed the  
feet of His disciples**

**John 13:3-15**



Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

John 13:3-9

Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.” So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.” John 13:10-15



# **God's command to celebrate Passover**

**Exodus 12**

Now the Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month [Nisan] shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.” Exodus 12:1-2

Today is April 13, 2022

Today is Nisan 12, 5782



“Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘**On the tenth of this month** [Nisan] **they are each one to take a lamb** for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, **a lamb** for each household. Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide **the lamb**.” Exodus 12:3-4

**“Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the **fourteenth day of the same month** [Nisan], then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.” Exodus 12:5-6**



Passover begins on the **15th day of Nisan** on the Hebrew calendar

No.	English	Hebrew	days	equivalent
1	Nisan	ניסן	30	Mar-Apr
2	Iyar	אייר	29	Apr-May
3	Sivan	סיון	30	May-Jun
4	Tammuz	תמוז	29	Jun-Jul
5	Av	אב	30	Jul-Aug
6	Elul	אלול	29	Aug-Sep
7	Tishrei	תשרי	30	Sep-Oct
8	Cheshvan	כסלו	29/30	Oct-Nov
9	Kislev	כסלו	30/29	Nov-Dec
10	Tevet	טבת	29	Dec-Jan
11	Shevat	שבט	30	Jan-Feb
12L	Adar I	אדר א'	30	leap year
12	Adar	אדר ב'	29	Feb-Mar

Nisan means “the beginning” in Hebrew

The month of Nisan is called *Chodesh ha-yeshua*, “the month of salvation”

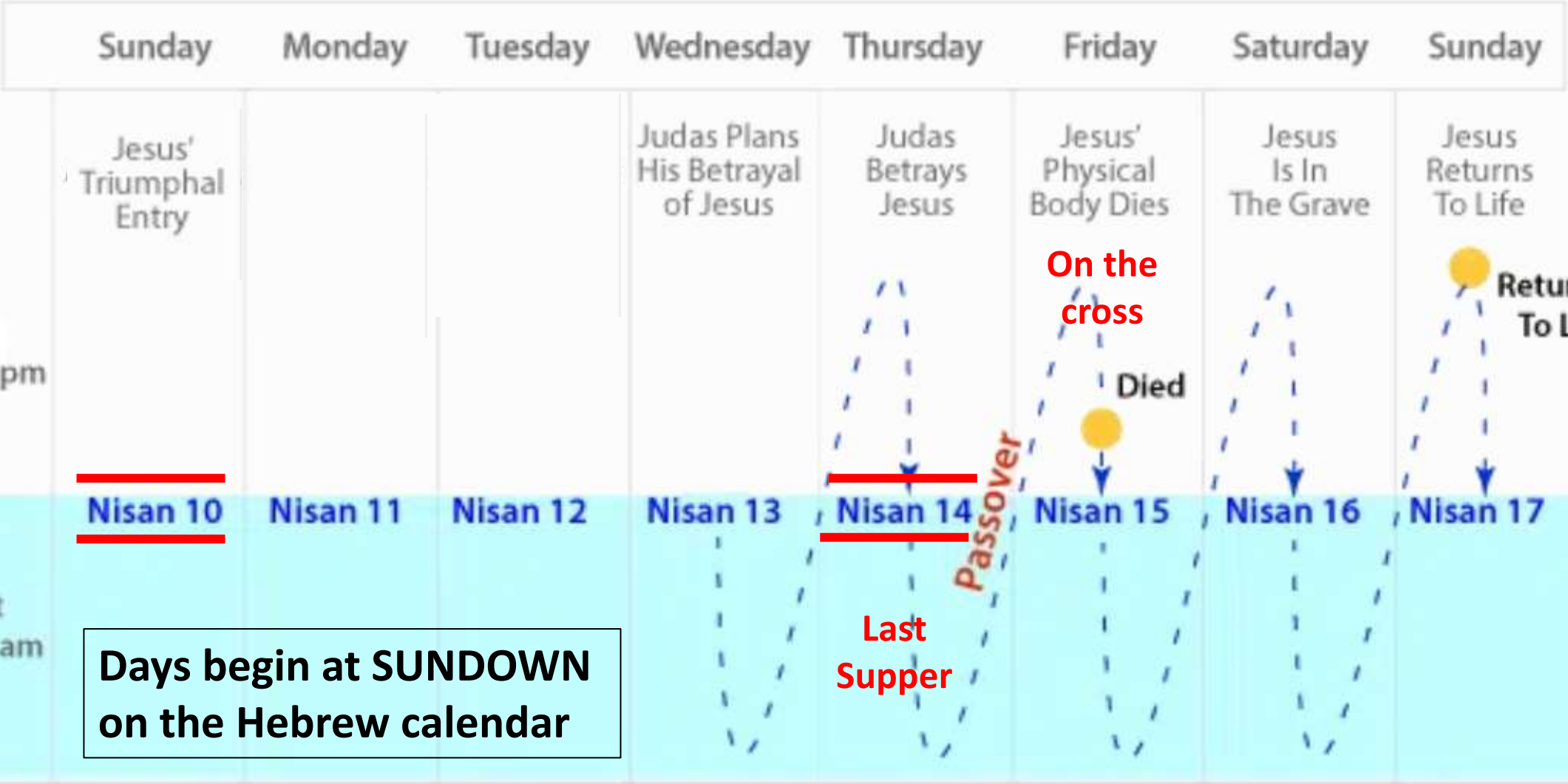


In 2022, Passover begins in the evening of Friday, April 15, and ends in the evening of Saturday, April 23.

# Last Week of Jesus' Life

**Palm  
Sunday**

**Resurrection  
Sunday**





**“Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.” Exodus 12:7-10**

“Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—**it is the Lord’s Passover**. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and **when I see the blood I will pass over you**, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.” Exodus 12:11-13



“ ‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; **throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.**’ ”

Exodus 12:14

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, **“Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.”** Exodus 12:21-22



“For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and **when He sees the blood** on the lintel and on the two doorposts, **the Lord will pass over the door** and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.”

Exodus 12:23-24

Now when (Thursday) evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating, He said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.” Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, “Surely not I, Lord?” And He answered, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me. The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” Jesus said to him, “You have said it yourself.” Matthew 26:20-25

\*Judas, like every other person, was accountable for his sin



When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” Luke 22:14-18

# The four cups of wine represent four promises made to Israel by God in Exodus 6:6-7

“Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and **I will** bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will** deliver you from their bondage. **I will** also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. Then **I will** take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.” Exodus 6:6-7



## **The four cups of wine represent four promises made to Israel by God in Exodus 6:6-7**

**The first cup of wine is called the cup of sanctification (freedom)**

- It is to commemorate the promise: “I will bring you out.”

**The second cup is called the cup of plagues (deliverance)**

- It reflects the ten plagues that came upon Egypt – and it relates to the second promise: “I will free you from being slaves.”
- Ten Plagues: Blood. Frogs. Lice. Swarms. Cattle Disease. Boils. Hail. Locusts. Darkness. Death of the First Born.

**The third cup is called the cup of redemption**

- God says: “I will redeem you.”

**The fourth cup is called the cup of completion (hope, praise, thanks)**

- God says: “I will take you as my own people.”

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## **First cup of wine is called the cup of sanctification (freedom)**

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## **Second cup is called the cup of plagues (deliverance)** (not mentioned in gospel account of Last Supper)

10<sup>th</sup> Plague was death of first-born child

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." Matthew 26:39

## **Third cup is called the cup of redemption**

And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood." Luke 22:20

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:27-28

## **Fourth cup is called the cup of completion (hope, praise, thanks)** (Jesus did not drink from this cup)

"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:29



While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

Matthew 26:26-29

# When we observe the Lord's Supper

## The Matzah (Unleavened Bread)

While they were eating, Jesus took some **bread**, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Matthew 26:26

## The Cup

Third cup of wine is called the "Cup of Redemption"

And when He had taken a **cup** and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."

Matthew 26:27-28



# Jesus celebrated Passover at the Last Supper

- Jesus said, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.” Matthew 26:23
  - Maror and Charoset, along with Matzah, are ingredients in the Seder meal
- While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Matthew 26:26
  - Afikomen, the broken and hidden second piece of Matzah

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  - The third cup of wine – known as the Cup of Redemption
- “But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” Matthew 26:29
  - The fourth cup of wine – known as the Cup of Completion



# Jesus is our Passover Lamb

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” 1 Corinthians 5:7-8



- Jesus arrives at **Passover** to be the **sacrificial lamb**
  - He voluntarily enters Jerusalem and the Temple to prepare for death
- Why does He have to die?
  - To become that bridge between sinful man and holy God



After singing a hymn, they went  
out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:30

What did they sing?

Psalms 118:14-26

The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation [יְשׁוּעָה; *yâshuw'ah*]. The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. I will not die, but live, and tell of the works of the Lord. The Lord has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous will enter through it. I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord, do save, we beseech You; O Lord, we beseech You, do send prosperity! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we have blessed you from the house of the Lord. Psalm 118:14-26



When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a **garden**, in which He entered with His disciples. Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. John 18:1-2

And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the **Mount of Olives**; and the disciples also followed Him. Luke 22:39

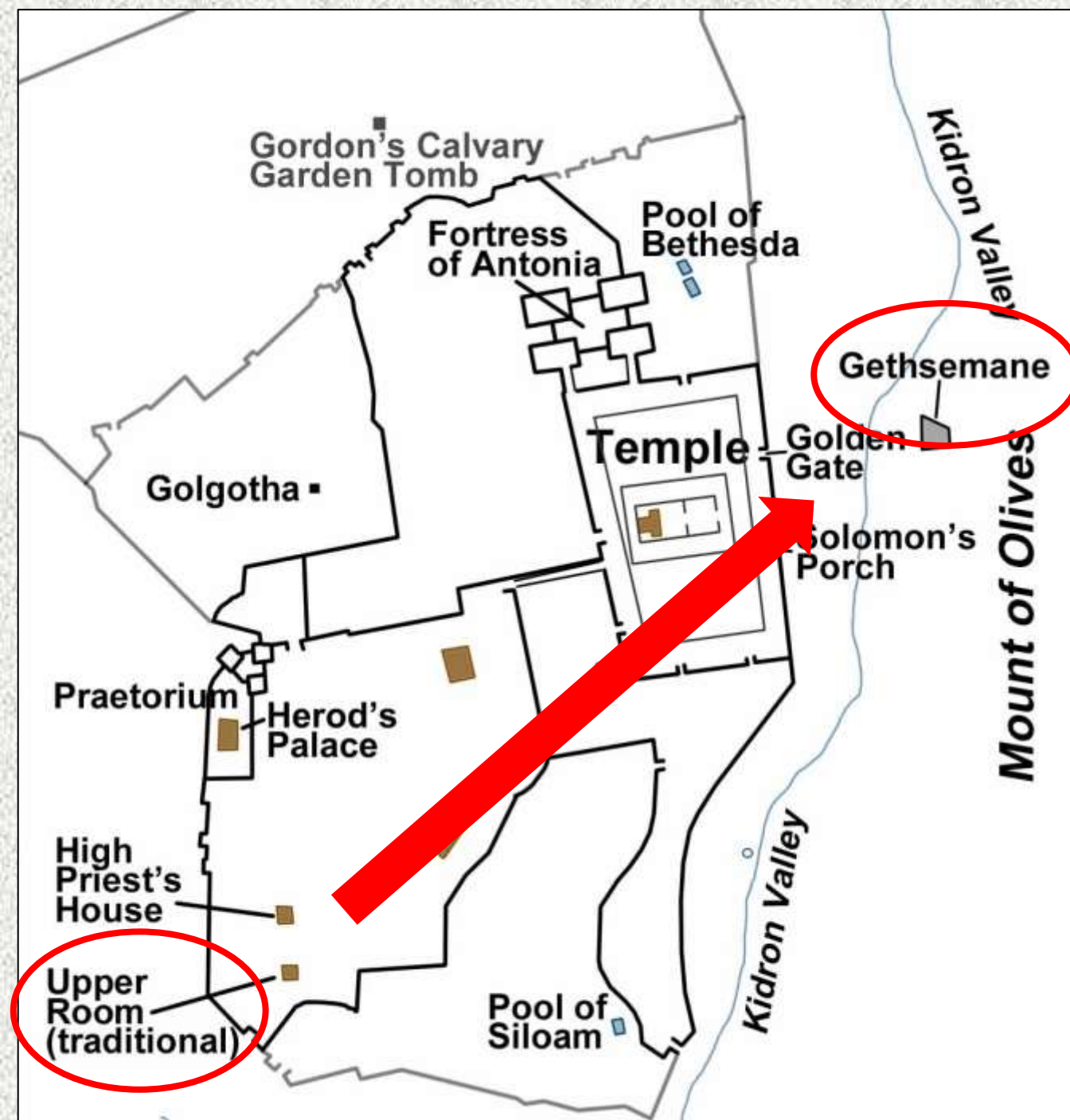


# Mount of Olives





# Map of Jerusalem in the days of Jesus



## Garden of Gethsemane today

Γεθσημανῇ in Greek

Gat shemanim גת שמנים in Hebrew

Hebrew meaning: "oil press" or "olive press"

And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation." While He was still speaking, behold, a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" Luke 22:39-48



*Garden of  
Gethsemane  
today*





# Why Did Jesus Pray?

- Jesus said, “I and the Father are one.” John 10:30
- Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. Hebrews 5:8
- In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. Mark 1:35
- Jesus said, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.” John 6:38



**For Whom Did Jesus Pray?**

**John 17:13-21**

Jesus prayed, “But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.** As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. **I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;** that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.” John 17:13-21



# *What Did Jesus Pray?*

And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this **cup** from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.” Mark 14:36

- For a **cup** is in the hand of the Lord, and the wine foams; it is well mixed, and He pours out of this; surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs. Psalm 75:8
- Rouse yourself! Rouse yourself! Arise, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the Lord’s hand the **cup** of His anger; the chalice of reeling you have drained to the dregs. Isaiah 51:17
- For thus the Lord, the God of Israel, says to me, “Take this **cup** of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it.” Jeremiah 25:15

# Day & Location

Thursday in Jerusalem

Thursday outside Jerusalem

Event	Scripture Reference
Jesus' passionate prayer in the garden	Matthew 26:30; Luke 22:39-46
Judas arrives with Chief Priests and Soldiers	Matt. 26:47; Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47
Arrest of Jesus / Betrayal of Judas Iscariot	Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52
Appearance before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin	Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53
Peter's Denial of Jesus	Matt. 26:58,69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72
Jesus' Formal Condemnation	Matt. 27:1-2; Mark 15:1
Suicide of Judas Iscariot	Matt. 27:3-10; Acts 1:18-19
Jesus Before Pontius Pilate	Matt. 27:2,11-14; Mark 15:1-5



## *Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Olive Press*

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!" Matthew 26:36-46

# Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Olive Press

Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. And He came the third time, and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!” Mark 14:39-42

And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.  
Luke 22:44 (medical condition of **Hematohidrosis**)



# Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Olive Press

## Olives are pressed three times in the Olive Press

- **First press** produces virgin olive oil used to light the Jewish temple.

“You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.” Exodus 27:20

Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” John 8:12

- **The oil from the second press** is used for medicine.

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

- **The oil from the third press** is used for making soap.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am He." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. So when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Therefore He again asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; so if you seek Me, let these go their way," to fulfill the word which He spoke, "Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one."

John 18:3-9



# Friend Becomes Betrayer

Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who were from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him and lead Him away under guard." After coming, Judas immediately went to Him, saying, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him. They laid hands on Him and seized Him. Mark 14:43-46

# Did You Know?

You can admire Jesus' love and compassion

You can hear Jesus' words

You can observe Jesus' miracle power

You can witness Jesus' impact on other people

AND

You can walk away from Jesus unsaved



# Who Arrested Jesus?

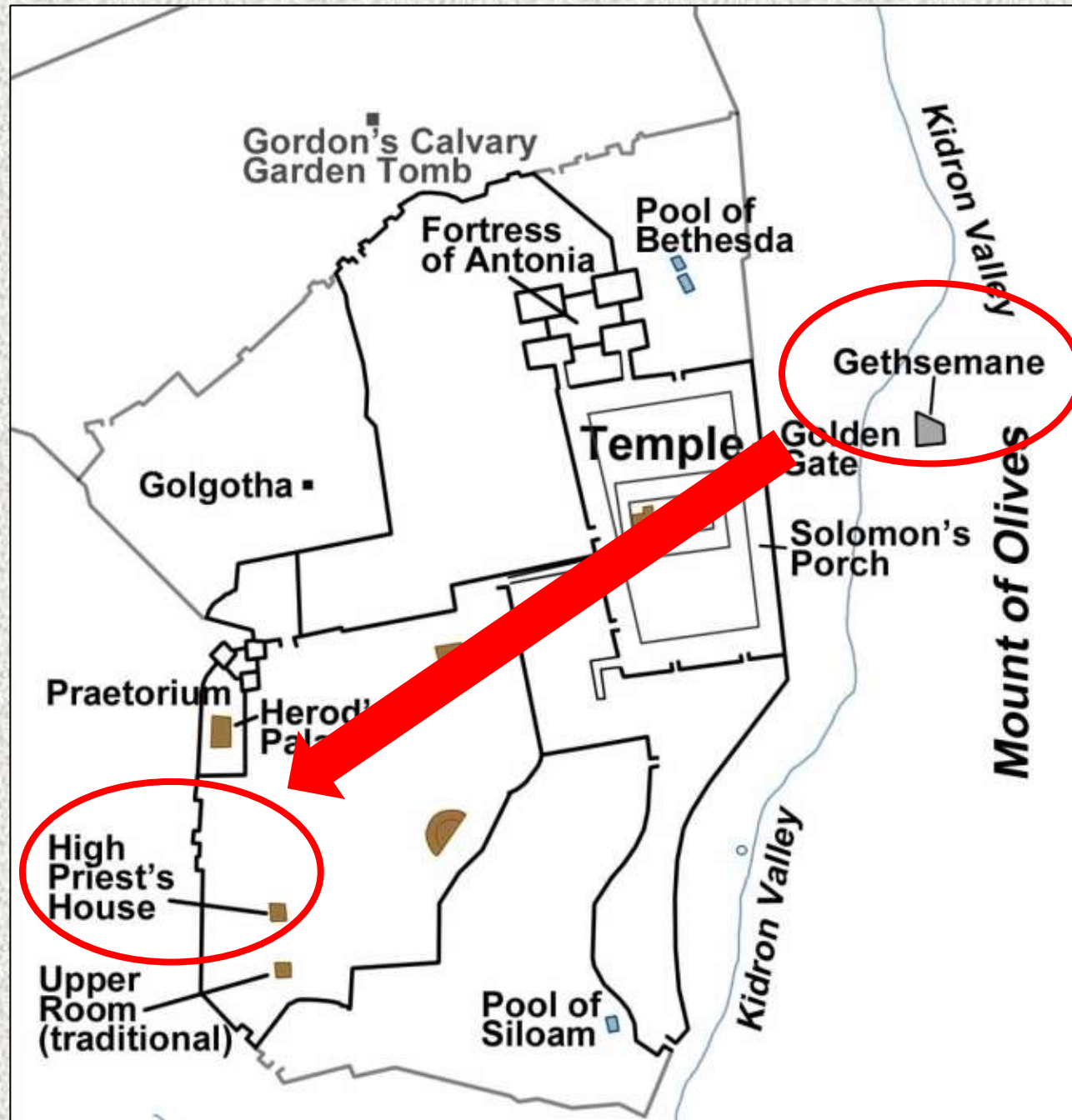
The group that arrested Jesus was composed of Roman soldiers and Jews. John makes it clear that both Jew and Gentile are guilty of the death of the Son of God. Jesus is about to die for the life of the world. The Jewish forces were the same as those sent to arrest Jesus once before (John 7:32, 45-46). They were not a police force but "court servants at the disposal of the Sanhedrin when necessary for police purposes." The detachment of soldiers refers to a cohort, a group of 600 soldiers under a military tribune. The entire cohort would not have been deployed on this mission, but there would have been a significant force. The festivals in Jerusalem were always politically volatile, and after the welcome Jesus had received there was good reason to expect trouble. They bring torches to search for the Light of the World; they bring weapons against the Prince of Peace.

Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/IVP-NT/John/Jesus-Is-Arrested>

Judas brought no fewer than 200 soldiers and leaders from the chief priests and Pharisees. "The fact that Roman troops were there as well as temple police implies that the Jewish authorities had already approached the military command, indicating that they expected armed resistance to the officers."

Source: F.F. Bruce, quoted in Holman New Testament Commentary

# Jerusalem in the days of Jesus





# Jewish High Priests

## Annas' Family

**ANNAS**

High priest, A.D. 6–15.  
Appointed by  
Quirinius, governor of  
Syria; deposed by  
Valerius Gratus,  
procurator of Judea

SON:  
**ELEAZAR**  
High priest,  
A.D. 16–17

SON:  
**JONATHAN**  
(possibly  
"John" in  
Acts 4:6)  
High priest,  
A.D. 36–37

SON:  
**THEOPHILUS**  
High priest,  
A.D. 37–41

GRANDSON:  
**MATTHIAS**  
High priest,  
A.D. 65–66

SON:  
**MATTHIAS**  
High priest,  
A.D. 42

SON:  
**ANNAS**  
High priest,  
A.D. 61

SON-IN-LAW:  
**CAIAPHAS**  
High priest,  
A.D. 18–36. Also  
called Joseph, his  
personal name.  
Appointed by  
Valerius Gratus.  
Deposed by  
Procurator  
Vitellius. A  
Sadducee



# Steps leading to House of Caiaphas





# House of Caiaphas (modern building)



Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.  
John 18:14



Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.” Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they planned together to kill Him. John 11:47-53



Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest,  
John 18:15

**Where were the other disciples?**

“But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled. Matthew 26:56

# Jesus' Six Trials Before The Cross

## Three Religious Trials before Jewish leaders

Before Annas

John 18:12–14

Before Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57–68

Before the Sanhedrin

Matthew 27:1–2

- Charged with blasphemy, claiming to be Son of God, Messiah.

## Three Civil Trials before Roman officials

Before Pilate

John 18:28–38

Before Herod

Luke 23:6–12

Before Pilate

John 18:39–19:6

- Charged with treason, inciting people to riot, forbidding the people to pay their taxes, and claiming to be King.



# Illegality of Jesus' Trials

- No trial was to be held during feast time. This was Passover for the Jews.
- The Law stated that no trial could be held in any place other than the Council Chamber in the temple, and the High Priest was like a judge, they were *not* to accuse the one on trial.
- Each member of the court was to vote individually to convict or acquit, but Jesus was convicted by acclamation.
- Jewish Law stated that there must be 24 hours between verdict and sentence, and if the sentence is guilty, there must be 3 days between sentence and execution, with Sanhedrin members fasting the day in between, to ensure the sentence is correct.
- No trial was to be held at night, this trial was held before dawn.
- The accused was to be given counsel or representation, but Jesus had none.
- The accused was not to be asked self-incriminating questions, but Jesus was asked if He was the Christ.
- It was against the Law to have false witnesses.
- In Roman law, if the death penalty was given, a night must pass before the sentence was carried out; however, only a few hours passed before Jesus was placed on the Cross.

but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in. Then the slave-girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself. John 18:16-18



## Jesus' trial before Annas (#1)

The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said." When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?" So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. John 18:19-24

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You are not also one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it, and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” John 18:25-26

## **Prediction of Jesus**

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.” Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.” John 13:36-38



Peter then denied it  
again, and  
immediately a  
rooster crowed.

John 18:27

**Have you ever  
denied Jesus?**





## Jesus' Trial Before Caiaphas (#2)

Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome. Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.' " The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think?" They answered, "He deserves death!" Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?" Matthew 26:57-68



# Jesus' Trial Before The Sanhedrin (#3)

Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death; and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor. Matthew 27:1-2

**Sanhedrin-** a council of leaders, functions as a court to decide major cases and to interpret disputed points of law. New Testament occasionally uses 'sanhedrin' for local councils of leaders and elders (Matt. 5:22; 10:17; Mark 13:9; Acts 22:5) and most often for the supreme court of chief priests and elders in Jerusalem which judged Jesus (Matt. 26:59), and according to Acts, examined and punished the teaching and activity of Jesus' early followers (Acts 4-6; 23-24). According to Acts 23, both Pharisees and Sadducees sat on the Sanhedrin. In evaluating and disciplining Jesus, Peter, John, and Paul, the Sanhedrin sat as a judicial court interpreting and guarding Jewish life, custom, and law.

# Jesus' First Trial Before Pilate (#4)

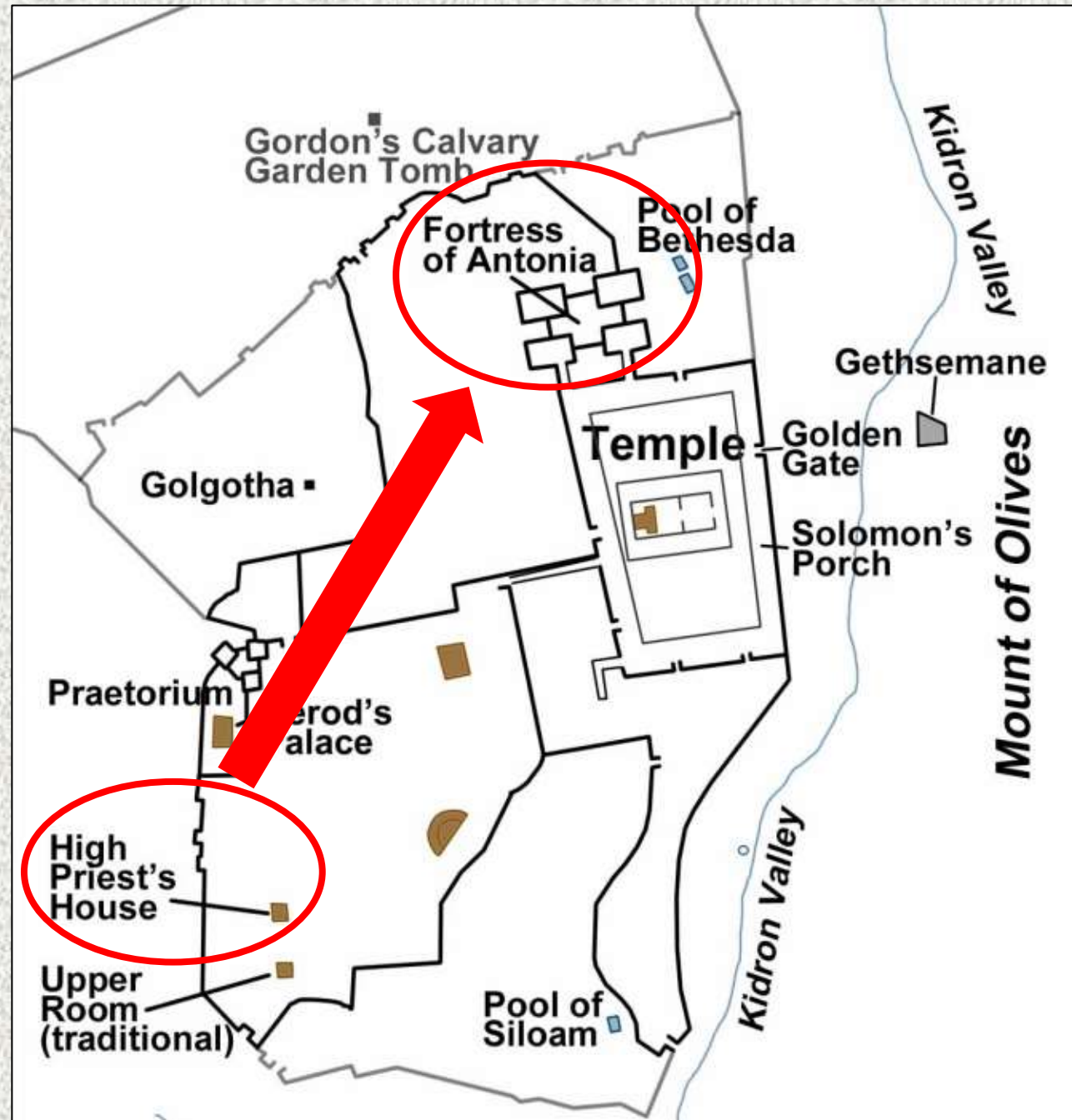
Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. John 18:28

**Pontius Pilate** - Roman prefect of Judea, the fifth governor of the province and the second-longest holder of the office (AD 26-36). His term included the time of John the Baptist's activity, as well as that of the public ministry and crucifixion of Jesus (Luke 3:1). In addition to the New Testament references, where Pilate plays a central role in the events surrounding the trial and crucifixion of Jesus (Matt. 27:1-2, 11-26; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-19:16; Acts 3:13; 4:27; 13:28; 1 Tim. 6:13), we have information about Pilate in historical writings.

Source: Harper's Bible Dictionary



# Jerusalem in the days of Jesus



# Antonia's Fortress or Tower of Antonia



A Hasmonean fortress (known as Baris) on the rocky scarp at the northwest end of the Temple in Jerusalem, luxuriously rebuilt in the late first century BC by Herod the Great and named for his friend Mark Antony. In it were kept the high priest's vestments between festivals, under the seal of Herod and later of the Roman procurators. It was taken and destroyed by Titus in the revolt of the Jews against Rome in AD 70. The Antonia is referred to in Acts 21:34-37; 22:24; and 23:10, 16, 32 as the scene of Paul's arrest and imprisonment after a riot provoked by Asian Jews who accused him of bringing a Gentile into the Temple (Acts 21:27-36).

Source: Harper's Bible Dictionary





On the model of Jerusalem, see the site of Pilate's Courtyard where Jesus was condemned to the cross. Upon the stones, which are today about 30 feet below street level, we see the Lithostrotos, paved squares where Roman soldiers marked the stones in order to play their games, such as one known as *Basilicus*. This game was the one most likely played with Jesus as the Basil or King (Matthew 27:27-30).



# *Christ before Pilate*

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Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man?” They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you.” So Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death,” to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die. John 18:29-32

For he (Pilate) knew that because of envy they had handed Him over. Matthew 27:18

“to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.”

John 18:32

Jewish executions were normally by stoning, which broke bones. The Roman method of execution was crucifixion. It was necessary for three reasons for Jesus to be crucified by the Romans at the instigation of the Jews:

- (a) To fulfill prophecies that none of His bones would be broken
- (b) To include both Jews and Gentiles in the collective guilt for the deed (Acts 2:23; 4:27)
- (c) By crucifixion, Jesus was “lifted up” like “the serpent in the desert.” A person under God’s curse was to be displayed (hanged) on a tree as a sign of judged sin (Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13).



Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?” Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in Him. John 18:33-38

## Jesus' Trial Before Herod Antipas (#5)

When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time. Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. And Herod [Antipas] with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other. Luke 23:6-12





# Jesus' Second Trial Before Pilate (#6)

But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?" So they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber. John 18:39-40

## Who was Barabbas?

- Terrorist guilty of murder and revolution
- A notorious prisoner who was part of a revolutionary gang
- Convicted of rebellion against Rome
- Some believe his name indicates that his father may have been a rabbi



Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; and they began to come up to Him and say, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and to give Him slaps in the face.

John 19:1-3









# Crown of thorns is a reminder of two things:

- (1) Jesus was, and is, indeed a king. One day, the entire universe will bow to Jesus as the “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16). What the Roman soldiers meant as a mockery, was in fact a picture of Christ’s two roles, first of suffering servant (Isaiah 53), and second of conquering Messiah-King (Revelation 19).
- (2) Jesus was willing to endure the pain, the insults, and the shame, all on our account. Jesus has now received the crown of which He is worthy. “But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, ***crowned with glory and honor*** because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone” (Hebrews 2:9).

When Adam and Eve sinned, bringing evil and a curse upon the world, part of the curse upon humanity was “...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; **thorns** and thistles it shall bring forth for you...” (Genesis 3:17-18). The Roman soldiers unknowingly took an object of the curse and fashioned it into a crown for the one who would deliver us from that curse.

Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!" So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." John 19:4-6



The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God.” Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?” John 19:7-10

Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.” As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar (Tiberius); everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar.” John 19:11-12

**Caesar**—the title assumed by the Roman emperors after Julius Caesar. In the New Testament this title is given to various emperors as sovereigns of Judaea without their accompanying distinctive proper names (John 19:15; Acts 17:7). The Jews paid tribute to Caesar (Matt. 22:17), and all Roman citizens had the right of appeal to him (Acts 25:11). The Caesars referred to in the New Testament are Augustus (Luke 2:1), Tiberius (Luke 3:1; 20:22), Claudius (Acts 11:28), and Nero (Acts 25:8; Phil. 4:22).

Source: Easton's Bible Dictionary



When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; see to that yourselves.” And all the people said, “His blood shall be on us and on our children!” Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. Matthew 27:24-31

Therefore when Pilate heard these words,  
he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the  
judgment seat at a place called The  
Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

John 19:13



# Praetorium



**Gabbatha** - the courtyard of the fortress Antonia, a garrison Herod constructed on the northwest corner of the Temple Mount, a site that is today visible in the basement of the Convent of the Sisters of Zion on the Via Dolorosa. Some 2,500 square yards of pavement made of large flagstones, averaging 4 feet by 3.5 feet by 2 feet thick, and having incised treads to prevent animals from slipping, have been excavated here, together with a Roman gaming board that illustrates the narrative about Roman soldiers on capital punishment details in the Gospels (Matthew 27:35), and large Herodian cisterns. Source: Harper's Bible Dictionary



# Praetorium

Jesus of Nazareth was brought before Pilate in the “praetorium,” a Latin term for a general’s tent within a Roman encampment. Some say Pilate’s praetorium would have been in the military barracks, others say the Roman general would probably have been a guest in the palace built by Herod.





Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified. John 19:14-16

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.” And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer. Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted. At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over. Matthew 27:11-18



While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death. But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him!" And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!" When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified. Matthew 27:19-26

## **Day & Location**

Good Friday at Golgotha, outside Jerusalem

## **Event**

Crucifixion on the Cross of Calvary and burial in tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

## **Scripture Reference**

Matthew 27:33-66; Mark 15:22-47;  
Luke 22:33-46; John 19:16-30



Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear His cross. Matthew 27:27-32



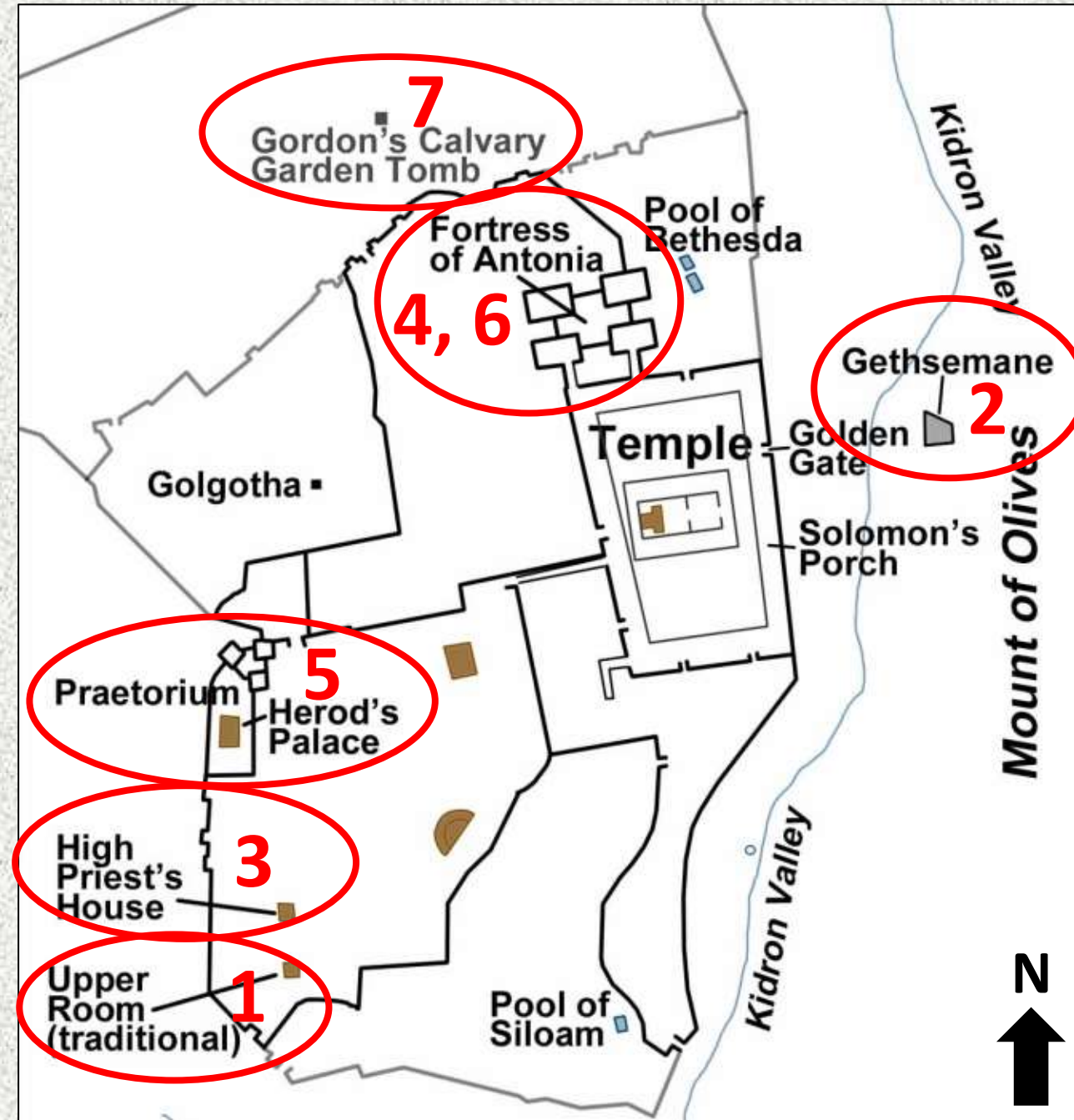
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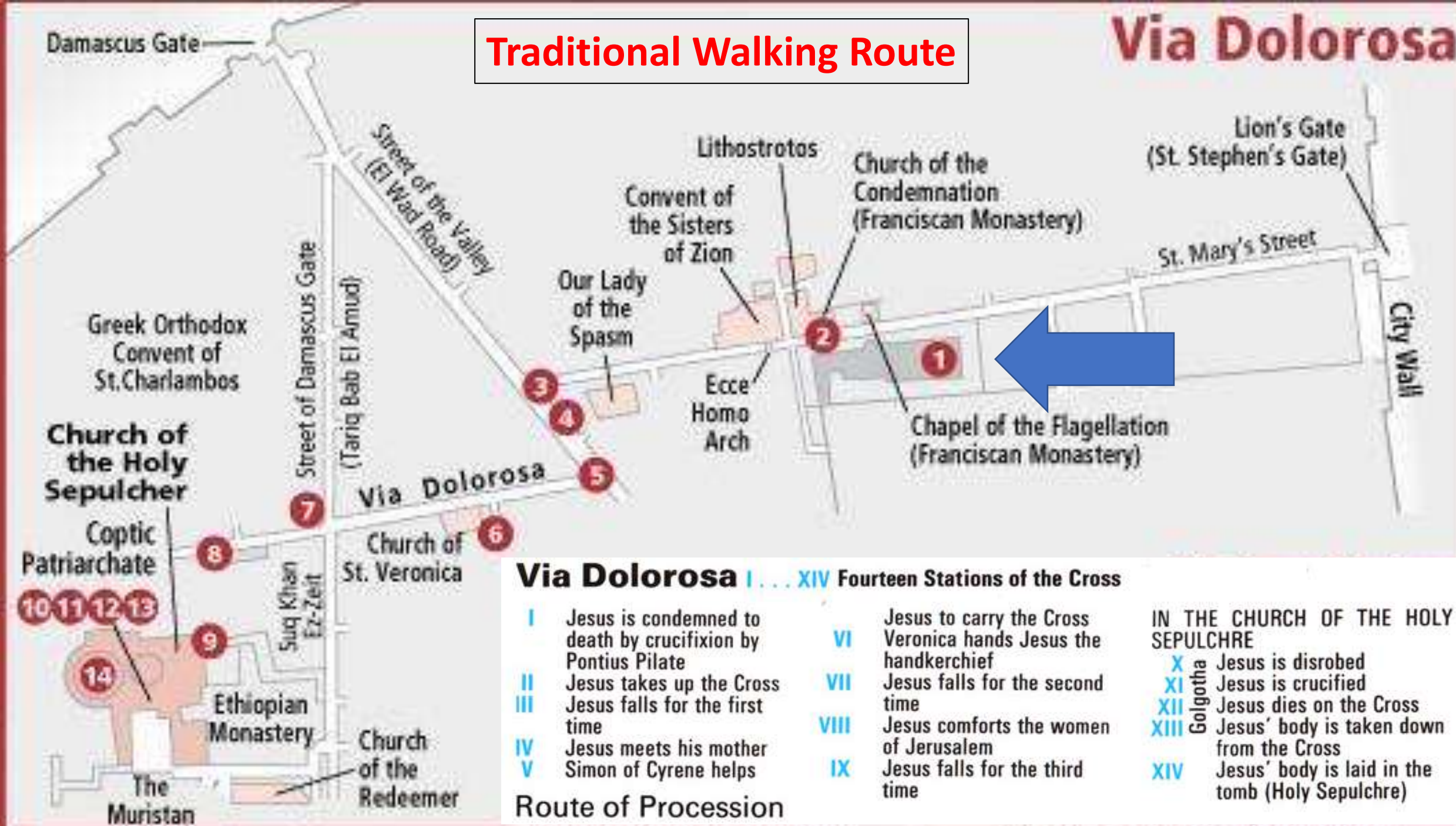
# Thursday night & Friday

1. Passover Meal in Upper Room
2. Prayer, betrayal and arrest in Garden of Gethsemane
3. Trial before Annas, Caiaphas, Sanhedrin (3 religious trials)
4. 1<sup>st</sup> appearance before Pilate
5. Appearance before Herod
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance before Pilate
- Jesus walks the Via Dolorosa
7. Crucifixion and burial



# Traditional Walking Route

## Via Dolorosa



### Via Dolorosa I . . . XIV Fourteen Stations of the Cross

- I Jesus is condemned to death by crucifixion by Pontius Pilate
- II Jesus takes up the Cross
- III Jesus falls for the first time
- IV Jesus meets his mother
- V Simon of Cyrene helps

- VI Jesus to carry the Cross
- VII Veronica hands Jesus the handkerchief
- VIII Jesus falls for the second time
- IX Jesus falls for the third time

- X Jesus is disrobed
- XI Jesus is crucified
- XII Jesus dies on the Cross
- XIII Jesus' body is taken down from the Cross
- XIV Jesus' body is laid in the tomb (Holy Sepulchre)

Route of Procession



And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink. And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. And sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there. And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Matthew 27:33-40

They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. John 19:17-18



# Where?

- Death occurs in the Jewish capital city of Jerusalem
- At a place called:
  - “Skull” in English
  - “Golgotha” in Hebrew
  - “Calvaria” in Latin



# **Golgotha**

## **Place of a Skull**









# The Place of the Skull (on the model of the city)



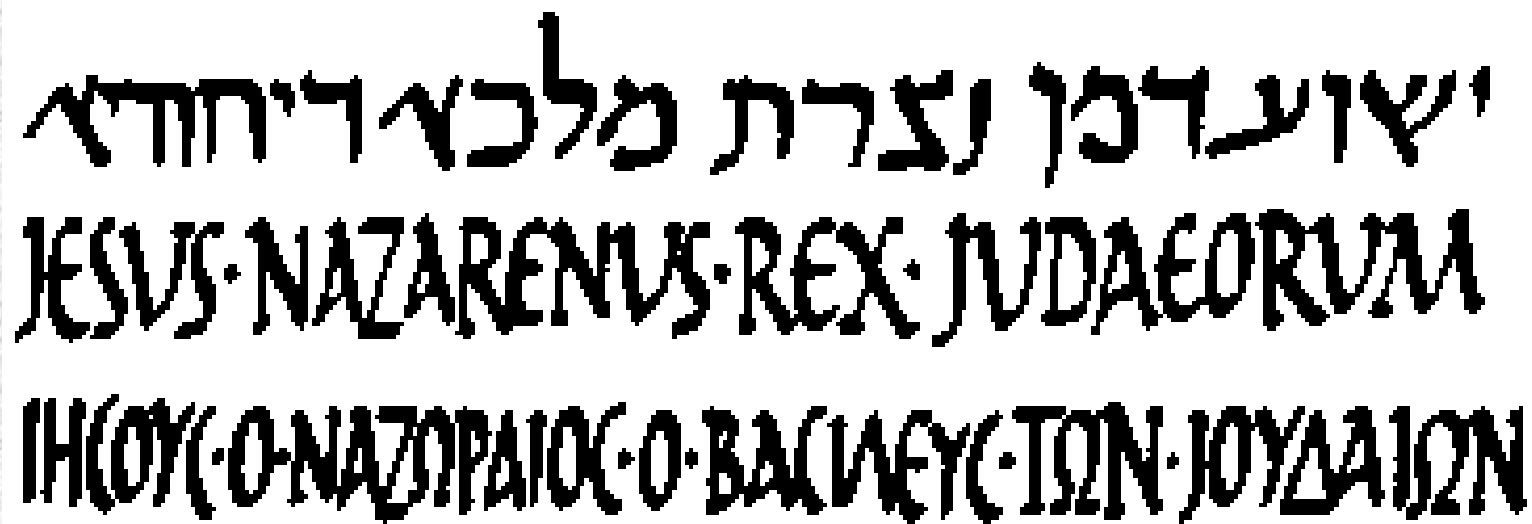


# Who else was on the cross with Jesus?

At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. Matthew 27:38

One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” Luke 23:39-43

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.' " Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."  
John 19:19-22



ישוע דבן נצרת מלכא די־חדא  
JESVS·NAZARENVS·REX·JUDAEORVM  
ΙΗΣΟΥΣ·Ο·ΝΑΖΩΡΑΙΟΥΣ·Ο·ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ·ΤΩΝ·ΙΟΥΔΑΙΩΝ



Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household. John 19:23-27

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now, if He delights in Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ” The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words. Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Matthew 27:41-46



And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, “This man is calling for Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink. But the rest of them said, “Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. Matthew 27:47-51

When the sixth hour came (12 pm), darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour (3 pm). At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Mark 15:33-34

**And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last.** And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” Mark 15:37-39



After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. John 19:28-30

# **Jesus' Seven Cries from the Cross**

1. "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34
2. "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43
3. "Woman, behold, your son!" "Behold, your mother!" John 19:26-27
4. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46
5. "I am thirsty." John 19:28
6. "It is finished!" John 19:30
7. "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Luke 23:46



The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, “**Truly this was the Son of God!**” Many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him. Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Matthew 27:52-56

Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." John 19:31-37



After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. John 19:38-42

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave. Matthew 27:57-61



# Promised Messiah

**PROPHECY:** “And they made His grave with the wicked- but with the rich at His death.”

Isaiah 53:9

**FULFILLMENT:** “There came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph...and [he] asked for the body of Jesus... When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb.”

Matthew 27:57-60

# The death of the Messiah

**What Old Testament prophecies  
were fulfilled at the Cross?**



# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

- 1) **The serpent would bruise the seed of the woman.** **Prophesied:** “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel” (Gen. 3:15). **Fulfilled:** “ ‘Now is the judgment of this world. Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself.’ But He said this to signify by what death He was about to die” (John 12:31-33).
- 2) **The Messiah would be cut off, but not for Himself, as prophesied by Daniel.** **Prophesied:** “And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself” (Dan. 9:26). **Fulfilled:** “ ‘Nor consider that it is better for us that one man die for the people, than that the whole nation should perish.’ Now he did not say this of himself, but being high priest that year, prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation; and not for the nation only, but also that He might gather together into one the children of God who were scattered abroad” (John 11:50- 52).

# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

3) **Betrayal of Jesus by Judas was foretold by David.** **Prophesied:** “Even a man, my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me” (Psa. 41:9). **Fulfilled:** “Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order that he might deliver Him up to them. And after hearing this, they were delighted and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him” (Mark 14:10-11).

4) **Jesus Christ would be forsaken by His disciples, as prophesied by Zechariah.** **Prophesied:** “ ‘Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is My companion,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered’ ” (Zech. 13:7). **Fulfilled:** “Then they all forsook Him and fled” (Mark 14:50).



# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

5) **The price of His betrayal was foretold by Zechariah.** **Prophesied:** “And I said to them, ‘If it is good, give me my price; and if not, let it go.’ So they 2 weighed my price—thirty pieces of silver” (Zech. 11:12). **Fulfilled:** “And said, ‘What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver Him up to you?’ And they offered him thirty pieces of silver” (Matt. 26:15).

6) **Zechariah foretold what would be done with the betrayal money.** **Prophesied:** “The LORD said to me, ‘Throw it to the potter’—the princely price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD” (Zech. 11:13). **Fulfilled:** “Now when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He was condemned, he changed his mind and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, ‘I have sinned and have betrayed innocent blood.’ But they said, ‘What is that to us? You see to it yourself.’ And after throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he went out and hanged himself. But the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, ‘It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood.’ And after taking counsel, they bought a potter’s field with the pieces of silver, for a burial ground for strangers” (Matthew 27:3-7).

# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

7) **Isaiah prophesied that Jesus Christ would be sacrificed as the Passover Lamb of God. Prophesied:** “He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter...” (Isa. 53:7). **Fulfilled:** “For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us” (I Cor. 5:7). “Knowing that you were not redeemed by corruptible things ... but by the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who truly was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for your sakes” (I Pet. 1:18-20).

8) **Isaiah prophesied the scourging and mocking that He would suffer. Prophesied:** “I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting” (Isa. 50:6). **Fulfilled:** “Then he released Barabbas to them; but after scourging Jesus, he delivered Him up so that He might be crucified. Then the governor’s soldiers, after taking Jesus with them into the Praetorium, gathered the entire band against Him; and they stripped Him and put a scarlet cloak around Him. And after plating a crown of thorns, they put it on His head; and a rod in His right hand; and bowing on their knees before Him, they mocked Him, and kept on saying, ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ Then, after spitting on Him, they took the rod and struck Him on the head” (Matthew 27:26-30).



# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

9) Both Isaiah and David prophesied that Jesus' body would be mutilated.

**Prophesied:** "Many were astonished at Him—for His body was so disfigured—even His form beyond that of the sons of men" (Isa. 52:14). "I can count all My bones; they look and gloat over Me" (Psa. 22:17). **Fulfilled:** "But after scourging Jesus, he delivered Him up so that He might be crucified" (Matt. 27:26). "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged Him" (John 19:1).

10) David prophesied the shame and dishonor that Jesus would suffer, being condemned as a criminal. **Prophesied:** "The reproaches of those who reproached You have fallen upon Me.... You have known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor; my enemies are all before You. Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; and I looked for sympathy, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none" (Psa. 69:9, 19-20). **Fulfilled:** "At that point Jesus said to the crowd, 'Have you come out to take Me with swords and clubs, as against a robber?' " (Matthew 26:55) "They answered and said, 'He is deserving of death!' " (Matthew 26:66)

# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

11) David foretold that false witnesses would testify against Christ.

**Prophesied:** “Cruel witnesses rose up; they asked me of things that I knew nothing about” (Psalm 35:11). **Fulfilled:** “And the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were trying to find testimony against Jesus, to put Him to death; but they did not find any. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. And some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying...” (Mark 14:55-57).

12) Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would not make an effort to defend Himself at the trial. **Prophesied:** “He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He

opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth” (Isaiah 53:7). **Fulfilled:** “Then Pilate said to Him, ‘Don’t You hear how many things they testify against You?’ And He did not answer even one word to him, so that the governor was greatly amazed” (Matthew 27:13-14).



# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

13) **Isaiah foretold Jesus Christ's crucifixion as the sin offering for the world.**

**Prophesied:** "Surely He has borne our infirmities, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we ourselves are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned each one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.... Yet the LORD willed to crush Him and He has put Him to grief: You shall make His life an offering for sin. He shall see His seed; He shall prolong His days, and that the purpose of the LORD might prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul. He shall be fully satisfied. By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; and He shall bear their iniquities" (Isa. 53:4-6, 10-11).

**Fulfilled:** "Therefore, he then delivered Him up to them so that He might be crucified. Now they took Jesus and led Him away; and He went out bearing His own cross to the place called 'A Skull,' which is called in Hebrew, 'Golgotha'; where they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on this side and one on the other side, and Jesus in the middle. Now Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross. And it was written, 'Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews' " (John 19:16-19).

# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

14) **As Isaiah had prophesied, He was numbered among lawbreakers. Prophesied:** “He was counted among the transgressors...” (Isa. 53:12). **Fulfilled:** “And also two other malefactors were led away with Him to be put to death. And when they came to the place called ‘Skull,’ there they crucified Him and the malefactors, one on the right and one on the left” (Luke 23:32-33).

15) **David prophesied that His hands and His feet would be pierced. Prophesied:** “Dogs have surrounded Me; a band of evildoers have encircled me; they have pierced My hands and My feet...” (Psa. 22:16). **Fulfilled:** “And they crucified Him” (Mark 15:25). “Then the other disciples said to him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘If I do not see the nail marks in His hands, and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe at all!’ Now after eight days, His disciples were within, and Thomas with them. After the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you.’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Bring forth your finger, and see My hands; and bring forth your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing’ ” (John 20:25-27).



# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

16) **The parting of His garments was prophesied by David. Prophesied:** “They divide My garments among them and cast lots upon My vesture” (Psalm 22:18). **Fulfilled:** “Then they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots for it to determine whose it shall be’; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, ‘They divided My garments among them, and they cast lots for My vesture.’ Therefore the soldiers did these things” (John 19:24).

17) **David prophesied that they would give Him vinegar to drink. Prophesied:** “They also gave Me gall for My food; and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink” (Psalm 69:21). **Fulfilled:** “They gave Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink; but after tasting it, He would not drink” (Matthew 27:34).

# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

18) **David prophesied that many would be watching Jesus during the crucifixion.**

**Prophesied:** “They look and gloat over Me” (Psa. 22:17). **Fulfilled:** “And the guards sat down there to guard Him” (Matt. 27:36). “And all the people who were gathered together to this sight, after seeing the things that took place, beat their breasts and returned” (Luke 23:48).

19) **Among those watching would be Jesus’ family and friends, who would stand at a distance.** **Prophesied:** “My loved ones and my friends stand apart from my plague; and my neighbors stand far off” (Psa. 38:11). **Fulfilled:** “Now all those who knew Him stood afar off observing these things, the women also who followed Him from Galilee” (Luke 23:49).

20) **Some of His observers would shake their heads at Him.** **Prophesied:** “And I also became a reproach to them when they looked upon me; they shook their heads” (Psa. 109:25). **Fulfilled:** “But those who were passing by railed at Him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!” (Matt. 27:39-40)



# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

21) **Even the words of His reproachers were prophesied by David.** **Prophesied:** “He trusted on the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, since He delights in Him!” (Psa. 22:8). **Fulfilled:** “ ‘He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, “I am the Son of God.” ’ And the two robbers who were also crucified with Him reproached Him with the same words” (Matt. 27:43-44).

22) **Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would make intercession for sinners.** This intercession began even during His crucifixion. **Prophesied:** “He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for transgressors” (Isa. 53:12). **Fulfilled:** “Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not understand what they are doing.’ And they divided His garments, and cast lots” (Luke 23:34).

23) **David prophesied the thoughts of Jesus at the height of His suffering.** **Prophesied:** “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me, and why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?” (Psa. 22:1.) **Fulfilled:** “And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?’ That is, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’ ” (Matt. 27:46).

# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

24) **Zechariah prophesied that His body would be pierced with a spear.**

**Prophesied:** “And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced...” (Zech. 12:10). **Fulfilled:** “But one of the soldiers had pierced His side with a spear, and immediately water and blood had come out....And again another scripture says, ‘They shall look upon Him Whom they pierced’ ” (John 19:34, 37).

25) **David prophesied that Jesus would commit His spirit to God. **Prophesied:****

“Into Your hand I commit my spirit...” (Psa. 31:5). **Fulfilled:** “And after crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ And when He had said these things, He expired” (Luke 23:46).

26) **David prophesied Jesus’ last words. **Prophesied:**** “They shall come and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall yet be born, that He has done this” (Psa. 22:31). The Hebrew literally reads, “For it is finished.” **Fulfilled:**

“Therefore, when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, ‘It is finished.’ And after bowing His head, He yielded up His spirit” (John 19:30).



# Prophecies Fulfilled at the Cross

27) **As no bone of the Passover lamb was to be broken (Ex. 12:46), not a bone of His would be broken. Prophesied:** “He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken” (Psalm 34:20).

**Fulfilled:** “Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first one, and the legs of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs....For these things took place so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ‘Not a bone of Him shall be broken’ ” (John 19:32-33, 36).

28) **His burial in the tomb of a rich man was foretold by Isaiah. Prophesied:** “By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and with His generation who did consider that He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken? And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; although He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth” (Isaiah 53:8-9). **Fulfilled:** “And when evening was coming on, a rich man of Arimathea came, named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. After going to Pilate, he begged to have the body of Jesus. [Jesus would otherwise have been buried among the criminals.] Then Pilate commanded the body to be given over to him. And after taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen cloth, and placed it in his new tomb which he had hewn in the rock; and after rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb, he went away” (Matthew 27:57-60).

# Why did Jesus have to die?

## **The punishment for sin is death.**

God created earth and man perfect. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God's commands, He had to punish them. A judge who pardons law-breakers isn't a righteous judge. Overlooking sin would make the holy God unjust. Death is God's just consequence for sin. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Good works cannot make up for wrongs against the holy God.

Compared to His goodness, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). Ever since Adam's sin, every human has been guilty of disobeying God's righteous laws. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

## **The promise required an innocent death.**

Although God banished Adam and Eve from the garden, He didn't leave them without hope of heaven. He promised He would send a sacrifice to take the punishment they deserved (Genesis 3:15). Until then, men would sacrifice innocent lambs, showing their repentance from sin and faith in the future Sacrifice from God who would bear their penalty. God Himself provided the only sacrifice, Jesus, who could atone for the sins of His people. God's perfect Savior fulfilled God's perfect requirement of God's perfect law. "God made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).



# The Silence

For the followers of the murdered Messiah...

- What were they going to do next?
- How do you go on in hopelessness?
- What do you do when you think God is absent?

# Shabbat prayer

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קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the Universe,  
who sanctifies us with his commandments, and  
commands us to light the candles of Shabbat. Amen.



# Sabbath

What were they thinking on Friday night?

Jewish believers in Jesus began their Shabbat prayers on that Friday night knowing that God was still the King of the Universe. They prayed knowing that the world seemed so dark and desperately longed for His light.

## What happened on Saturday?

Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, and said, “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am to rise again.’ Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.” And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone. Matthew 27:62-66



**Q:** Why would Jesus willingly die for sinners like us?

**A:** He prayed for the Father's will to be done.

**Q:** What is the Father's will?

**A:** This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.** For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. 1 Timothy 2:3-6

# What happened on the first Resurrection Day?

Matthew 28:1-8

Mark 16:1-8

Luke 24:1-12

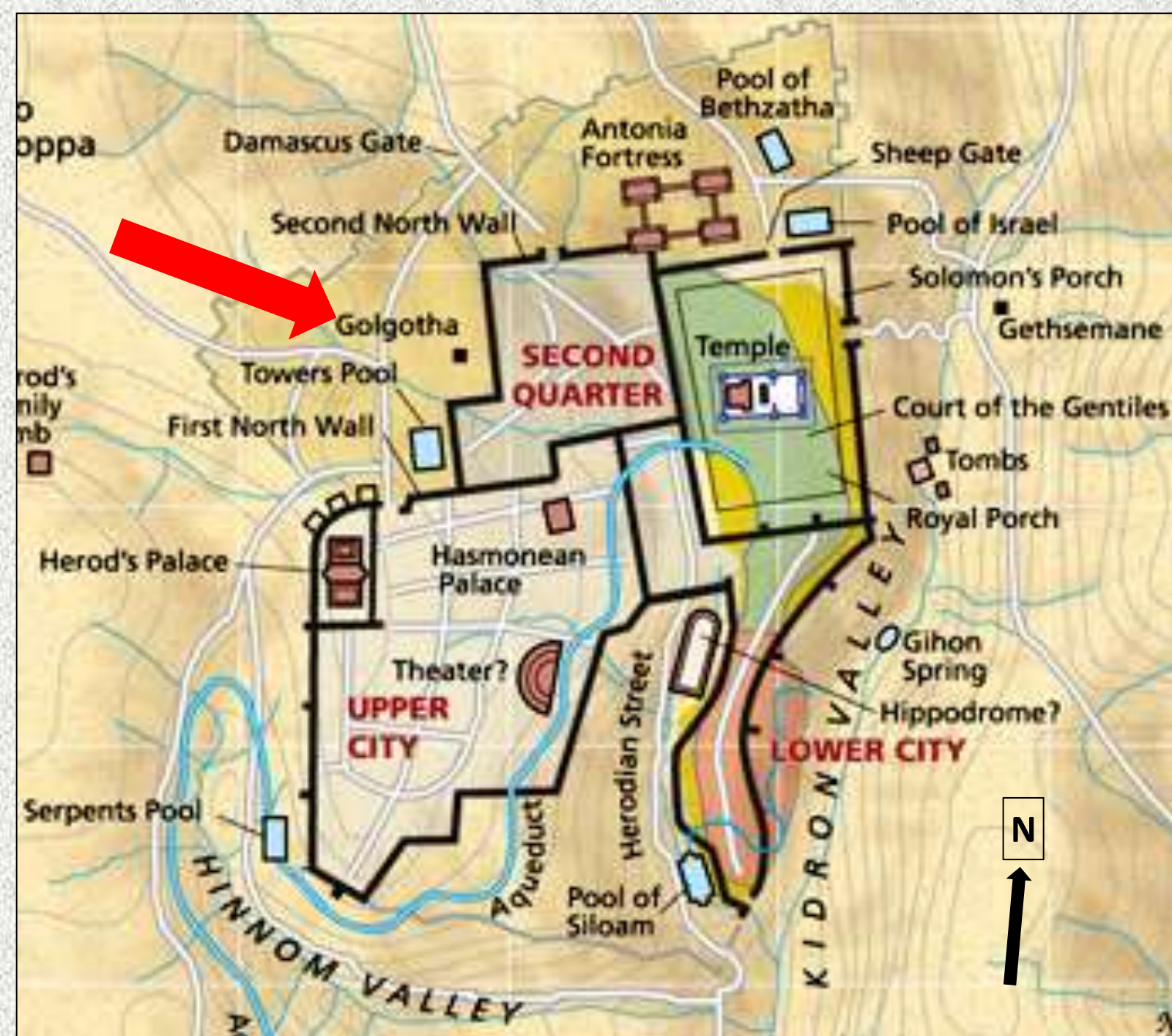
John 20:1-18



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. Very early on the **first day of the week** (Sunday), they came to the **tomb** when the sun had risen. Mark 16:1-2

# Where was the tomb?

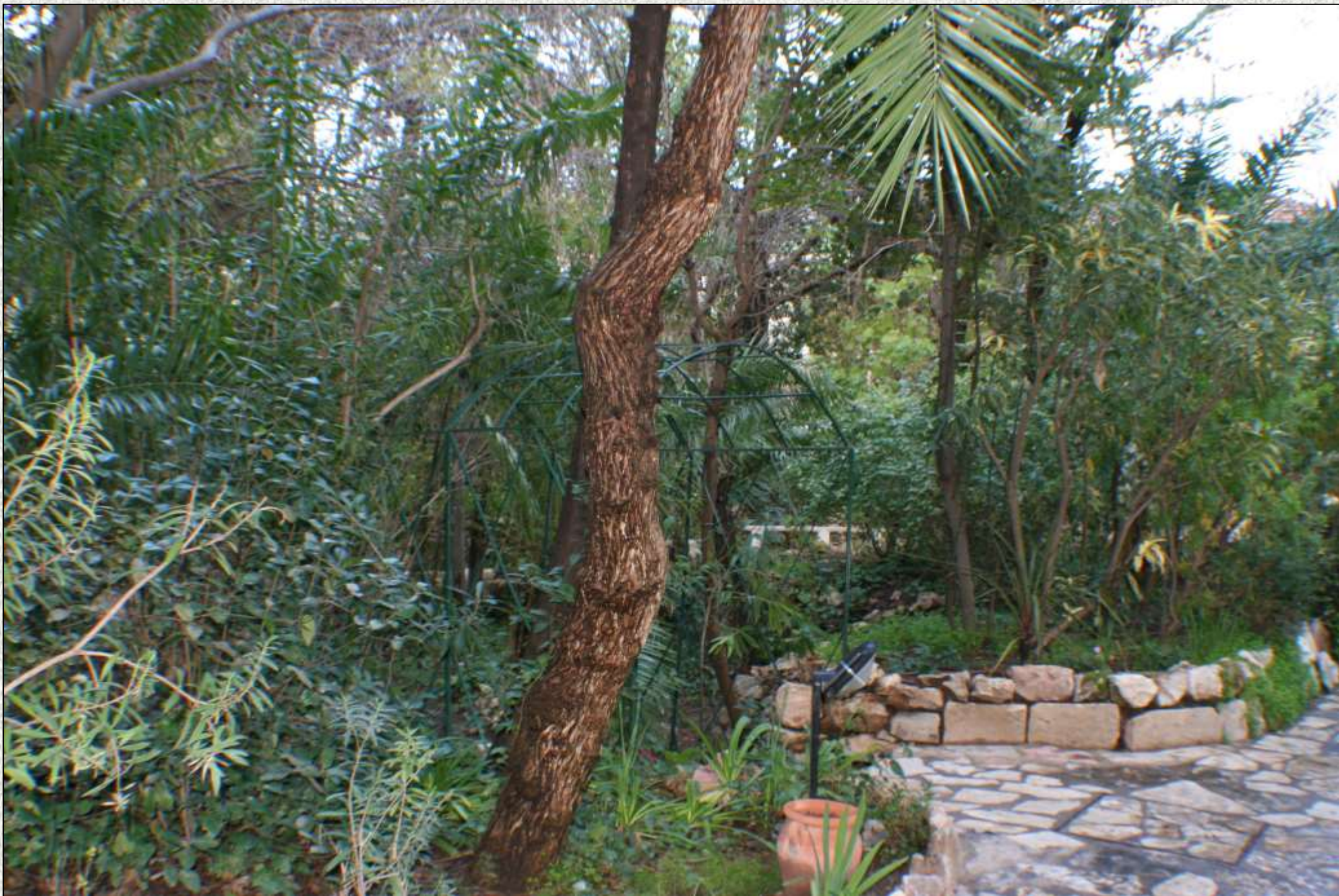
Map of  
Jerusalem  
in the  
days of Jesus





Now in the place where He was crucified there was a **garden**, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:41-42





The  
garden  
near  
the  
tomb  
of  
Jesus





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**Jesus is laid  
in the tomb**

**Mark 15:46-47**

**Matthew  
27:57-61**





# Tomb of Jesus





Another  
ancient  
tomb, not  
the tomb  
of Jesus,  
showing a  
round stone





Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. John 20:1-5

And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

John 20:6-10



Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you." And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. Matthew 28:1-8

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered His words, and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. Luke 24:1-10



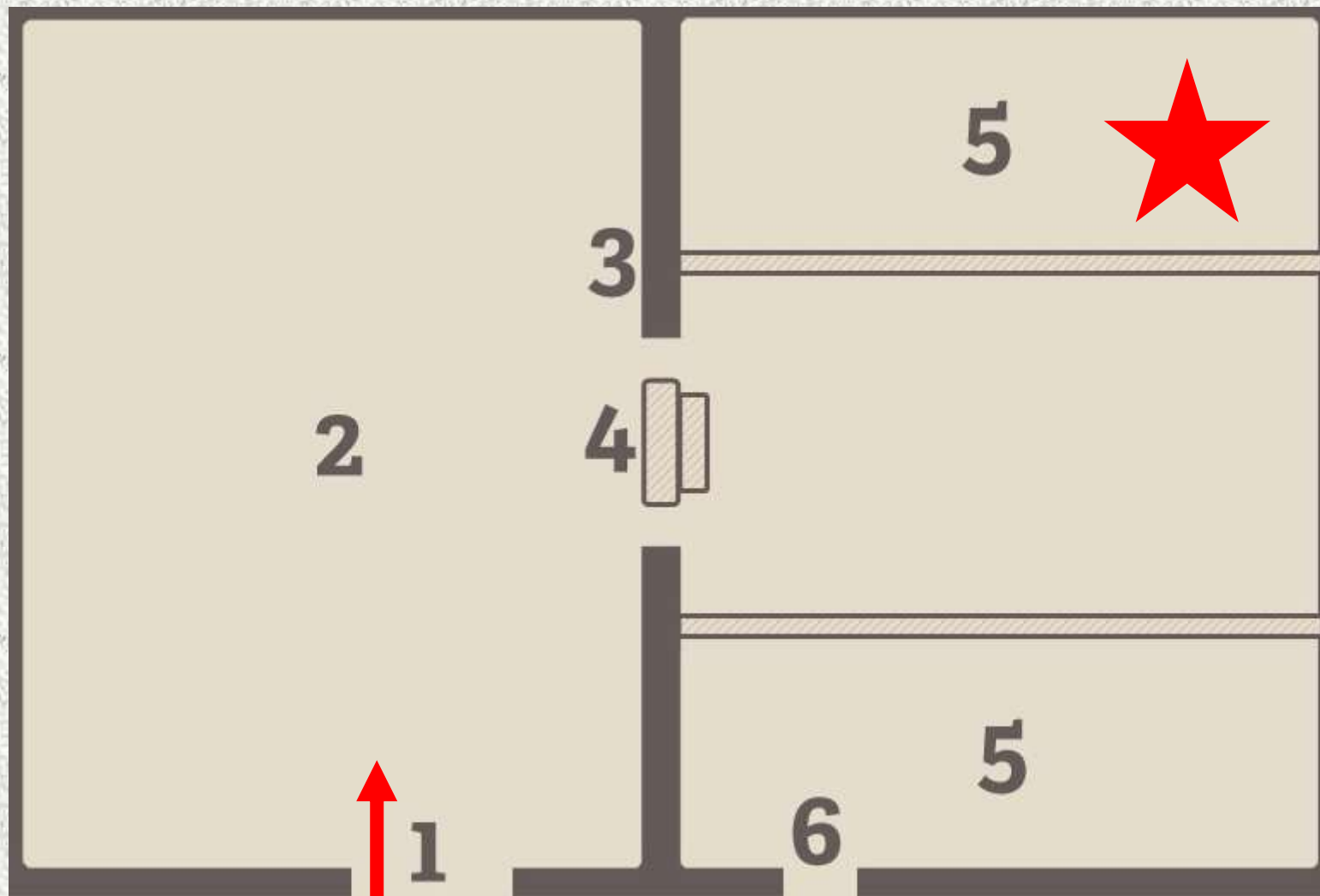
They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. Entering the **tomb**, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. Mark 16:3-5

And he (the angel) said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. **He has risen; He is not here;** behold, here is the place where they laid Him.”  
Mark 16:6



**The empty tomb of Jesus**





## Inside the Tomb of Jesus

1. Entrance to Garden Tomb
2. Antechamber (weeping chamber)
3. Low walls about waist high
4. Steps down into burial chamber
5. Two burial chambers divided by a thin trough from preparation area between them.
6. Observation window (not original)

But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." John 20:11-13



When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that He had said these things to her. John 20:14-18

# Evidence for the Empty Tomb

by Matt Perman

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/historical-evidence-for-the-resurrection>

1. Resurrection was preached in the same city where Jesus had been buried shortly before.
2. Earliest religious arguments against Christianity admit the empty tomb.
3. Empty tomb is supported by the historical reliability of the burial story. New Testament scholars agree that the burial story is one of the best established facts about Jesus. One reason is the inclusion of Joseph of Arimethea as the one who buried Christ.
4. Jesus' tomb was never venerated as a shrine. It was the First century custom to set up a shrine at the site of a holy man's bones. There were at least 50 such sites in Jesus' day. There was no such shrine for Jesus.
5. Mark's early account of the empty tomb is simple and shows no signs of legendary development.
6. Tomb was discovered empty by women. The testimony of women in First century Jewish culture was considered worthless.

D.H. Van Daalen has said, "It is extremely difficult to object to the empty tomb on historical grounds; those who deny it do so on the basis of theological or philosophical assumptions."



# The Resurrection Appearances

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There is the evidence that Jesus' disciples had real experiences with one whom they believed was the risen Christ. This is not commonly disputed today because we have the testimony of the original disciples that they saw Jesus alive again.

There are three possible alternatives:

## **1. They were lying**

Why did 10 of the disciples willingly die as martyrs for their belief in the resurrection? People will often die for a lie that they believe is the truth. But if Jesus did not rise, the disciples knew it. They would have been dying for a lie that they knew was a lie. Ten people would not all give their lives for something they know to be a lie.

## **2. They hallucinated**

The hallucination theory is untenable because it cannot explain the physical nature of the appearances. The disciples record eating and drinking with Jesus, as well as touching him.

## **3. They really saw the risen Christ**

# Importance of the Resurrection

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1. Resurrection proves that the claims Jesus made about himself are true. What did Jesus claim? He claimed to be God.
2. Is there good reason to believe that it was inspired by God, or is it simply a bunch of legends? The resurrection of Jesus answers the question. If Jesus rose from the dead, then we have seen this validates His claim to be God. If He is God, He speaks with absolute certainty and final authority. Therefore, what Jesus said about the Bible must be true.
3. Many people are confused by the many different religions in the world. They cannot all be from God, because they cannot all be true. Christianity is the only religion that believes Jesus is both God and man. All other religions say that he was a man only and not God. Jesus is the only religious leader who has risen from the dead. All other religious leaders are still in their tombs.



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4. Resurrection of Christ proves that God will judge the world one day. The apostle Paul said, "God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31) The resurrection of Christ proves something significant to each of us--we will have to give an account of ourselves to a holy God.

5. Resurrection of Christ provides hope for eternal life. Jesus says that by trusting in Him, we will be forgiven of our sins and escape being condemned at the judgment.

6. Bible says that Christ's resurrection is the pattern that those who believe in Him will follow. Believers in Christ will one day be resurrected by God just as He was. Because of the resurrection of Christ, believers will one day experience, forever, the freedom of having a glorified body.

And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.” Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.” And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.

Matthew 28:9-15



So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained." John 20:19-23

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.” John 20:24-29

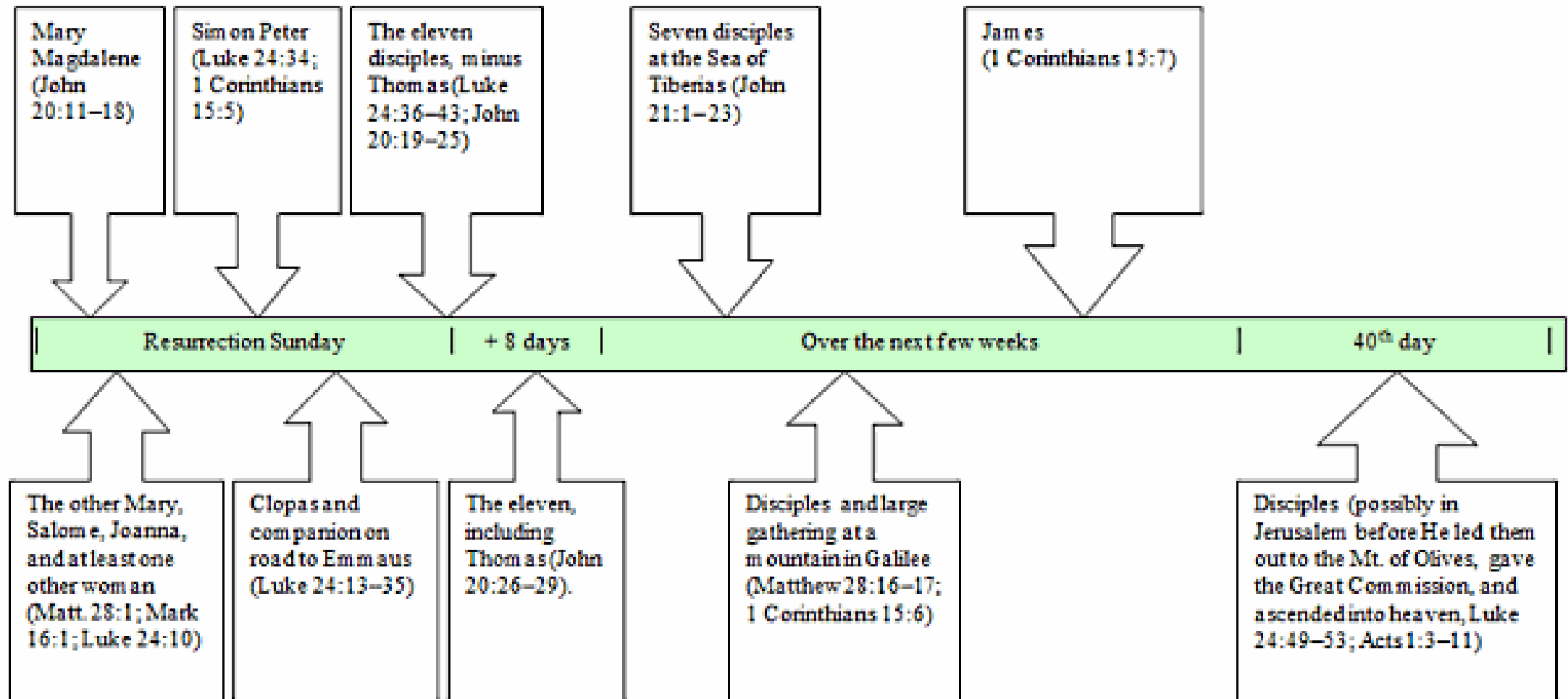


# Jesus' Post-Resurrection Appearances

## Post-resurrection Appearances

1. To Mary Magdalene *John 20:14-18; Mark 16:9*
2. To the women returning from the tomb *Matthew 28:8-10*
3. To Peter later in the day *Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5*
4. To the disciples going to Emmaus in the evening *Luke 24:13-31*
5. To the apostles (except Thomas) *Luke 24:36-45; John 20:19-24*
6. To the apostles a week later (Thomas present) *John 20:24-29*
7. In Galilee to the seven by the Lake of Tiberias *John 21:1-23*
8. In Galilee on a mountain to the apostles and 500 believers *1 Corinthians 15:6*
9. At Jerusalem and Bethany again to James *1 Corinthians 15:7*
10. At Olivet and the ascension *Acts 1:3-12*
11. To Paul near Damascus *Acts 9:3-6; 1 Corinthians 15:8*
12. To Stephen outside Jerusalem *Acts 7:55*
13. To Paul in the temple *Acts 22:17-21; 23:11*
14. To John on Patmos *Revelation 1:10-19*

# Timeline of the Post-Resurrection Appearances





Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:30-31

Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10



Christ died for our sins  
according to the  
Scriptures, and that  
He was buried, and  
that He was **raised on  
the third day**  
1 Corinthians 15:3-4



# What does Resurrection Day mean for us?

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved) Ephesians 2:4-5

**How would you react  
to an empty tomb?**

They went out and fled from the tomb, for **trembling** and **astonishment** had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Mark 16:8



**How would you react  
to an empty tomb?**

“And they left the tomb quickly  
with **fear** and **great joy** and  
ran to report it to His  
disciples.” Matthew 28:8



**Empty people  
need an empty  
tomb**

God the Father  
brought Jesus to life  
and He wants to do  
the same for you.



**Do you feel left out?**  
**Do you feel disqualified?**

The angel said to the women...

**“But go, tell His disciples and Peter,  
‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see Him, just as He told  
you.’ ” Mark 16:7**

# What should we do if we meet the resurrected Jesus?

And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and <sup>(1)</sup> worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “<sup>(2)</sup> Do not be afraid; <sup>(3)</sup> go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.” Matthew 28:9-10

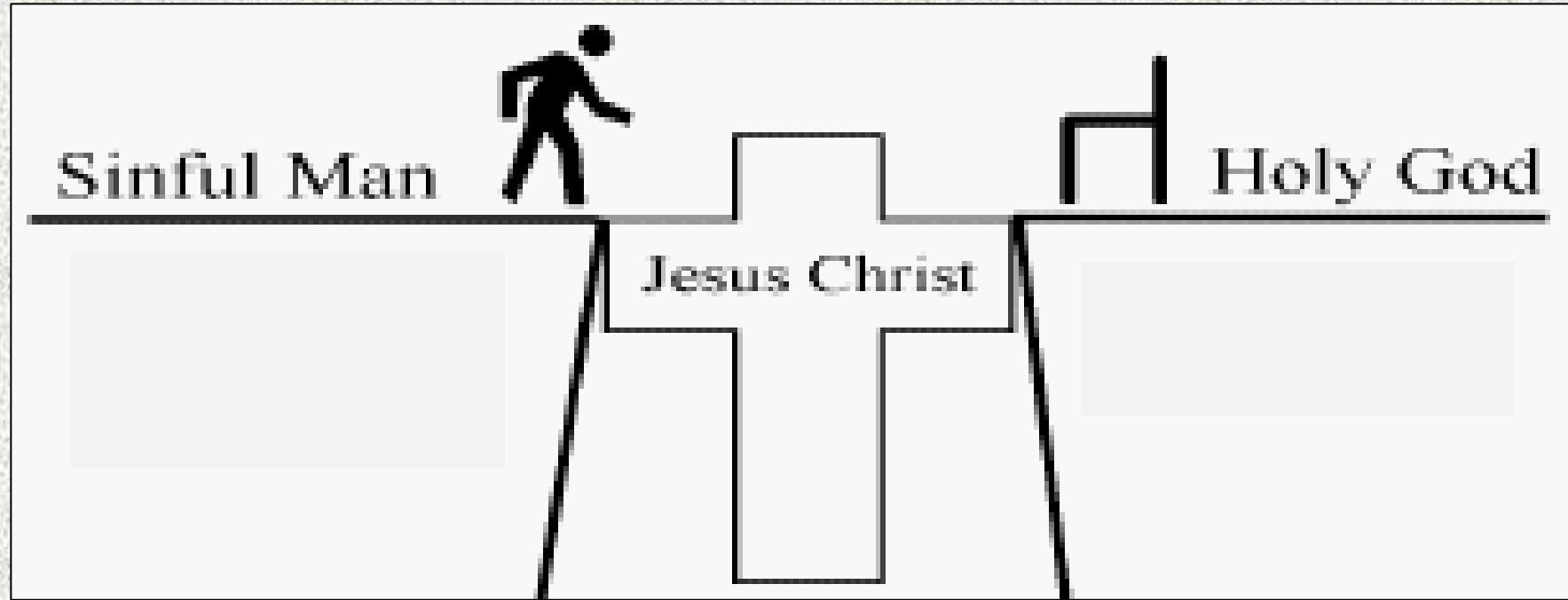


# What is our assignment?

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:18-19

The greatest gift you can give is to help someone begin a relationship with the Savior

# What did Jesus do for us?



Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57



# **Resurrection Day is this Sunday!**

- Plan to worship with us this Sunday
- Open seats for our guests by attending at 11:30 am
- Begin inviting friends and family members now