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From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Matthew 16:21

THE RECEPTION OF THE KING

MATTHEW 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her.

Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

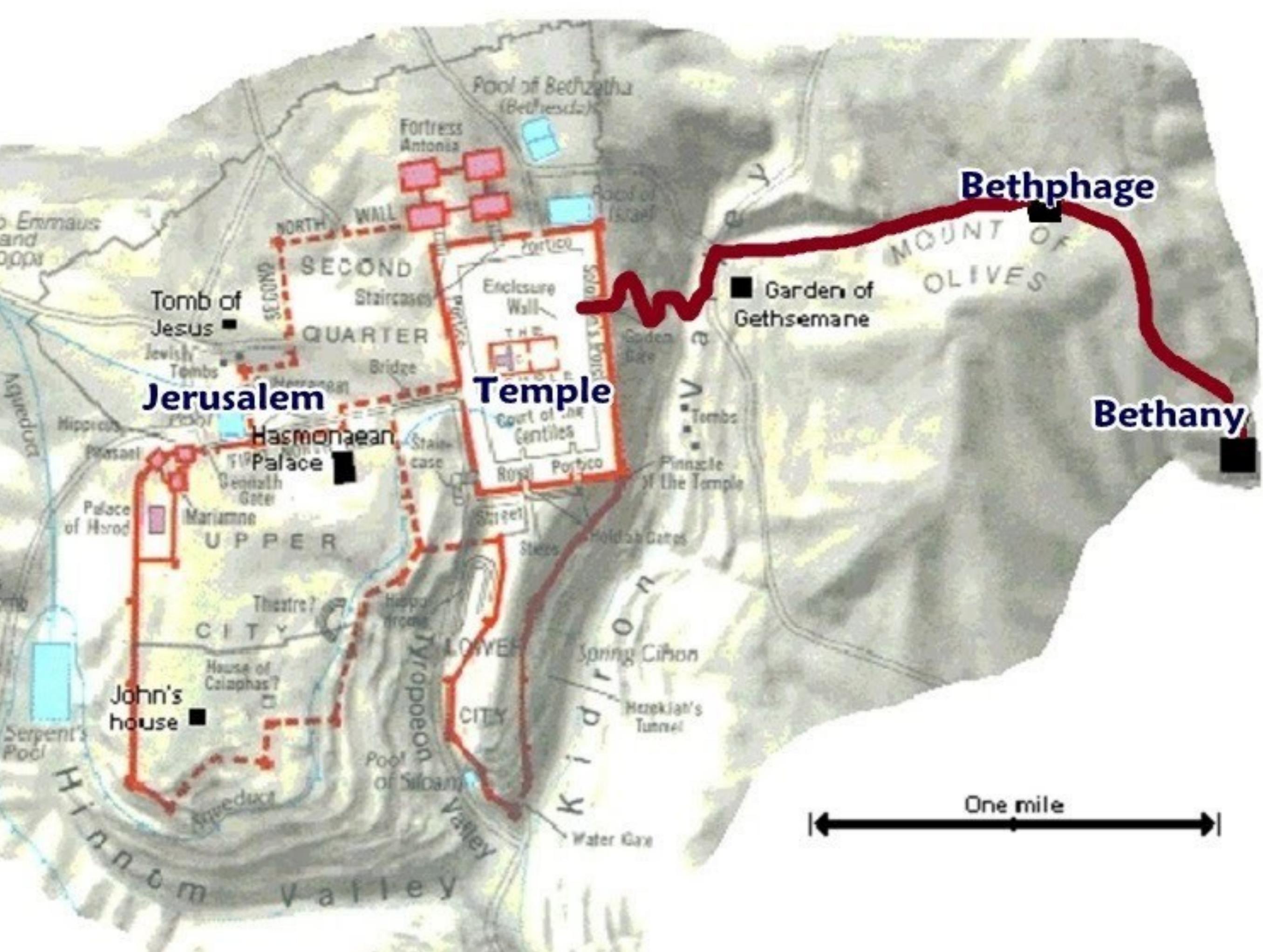
This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Matthew 21:1-11



Bethphage

■ Garden of Gethsemane

Bethany

Jerusalem

Temple

One mile

**Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout,
Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes
to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and
riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a
donkey.**

Zechariah 9:9

**I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the
battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim
peace to the nations. His rule will extend
from sea to sea and from the River to the
ends of the earth.**

Zechariah 9:10

**Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Psalm 118:25–26

...in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

**That is why I tell you not to worry about
everyday life – whether you have enough
food and drink, or enough clothes to wear.
Isn't life more than food, and your body more
than clothing?**

Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?

Matthew 6:25-26

**WHAT KIND OF KING ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR?**

THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

MATTHEW 21:12-17

Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them,

**“My house will be called a house of prayer,
but you are making it a ‘den of robbers.’”**

**The blind and the lame came to him at the
temple, and he healed them.**

But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant. “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him.

**“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “
‘From the lips of children and infants you
have ordained praise’?” And he left them
and went out of the city to Bethany, where he
spent the night.**

Matthew 21:12–17

Be just and fair to all. Do what is right and good, for I am coming soon to rescue you and to display my righteousness among you. Blessed are all those who are careful to do this.

Isaiah 56:1-2

I will also bless the foreigners who commit themselves to the Lord, who serve him and love his name, who worship him and do not desecrate the Sabbath day of rest, and who hold fast to my covenant. I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer.

Isaiah 56:6-7

I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

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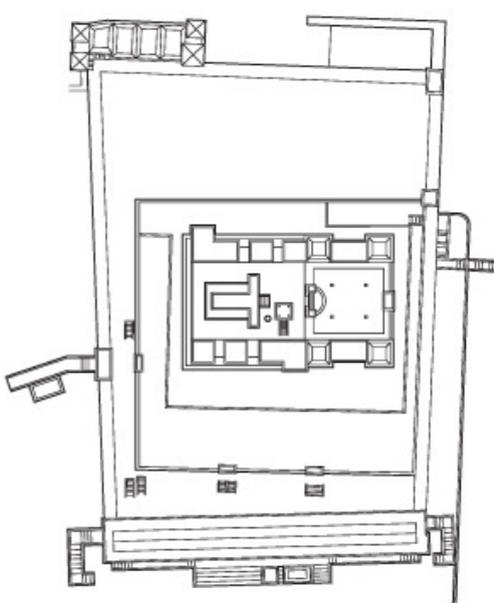
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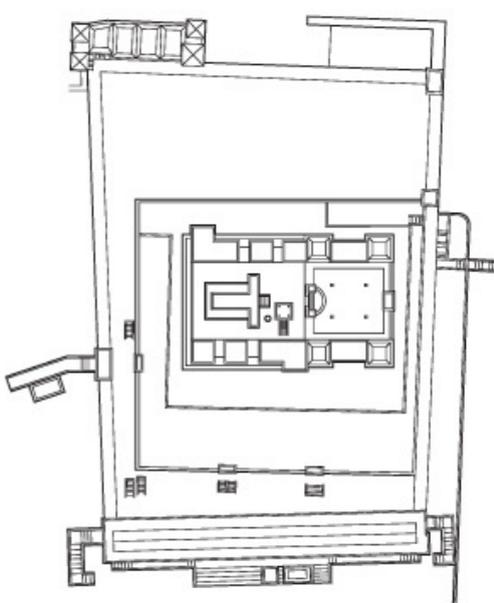
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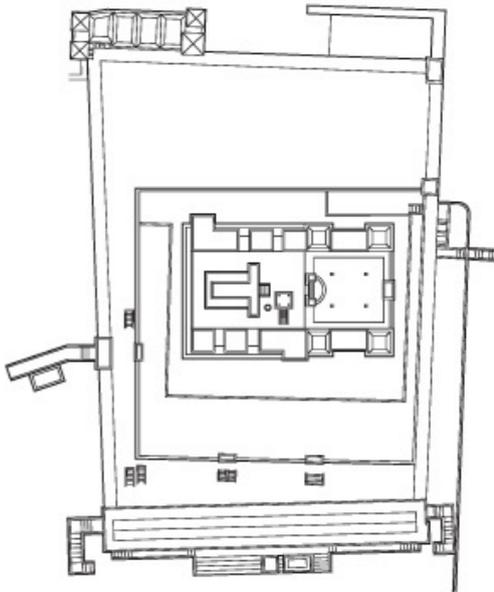
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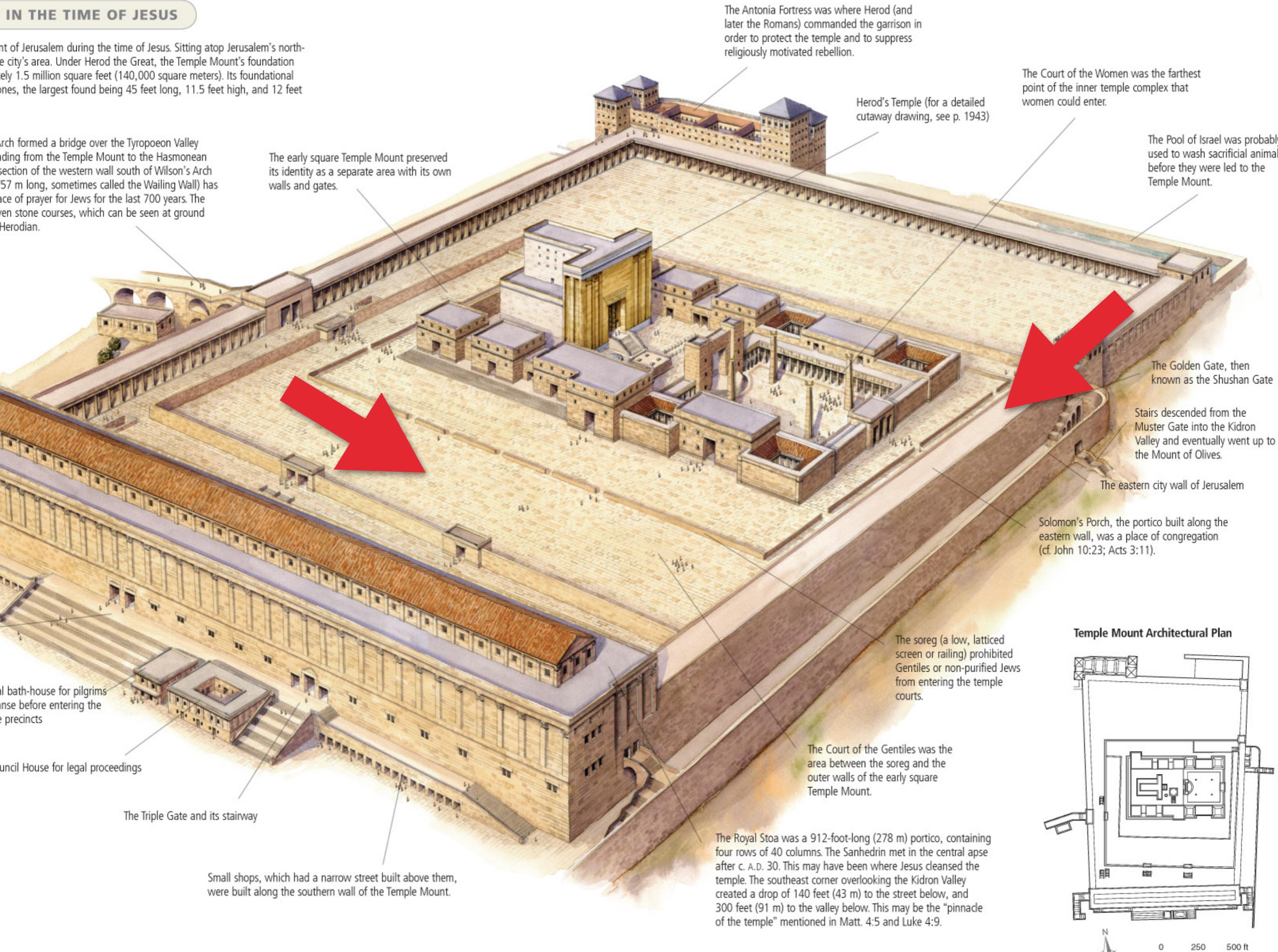
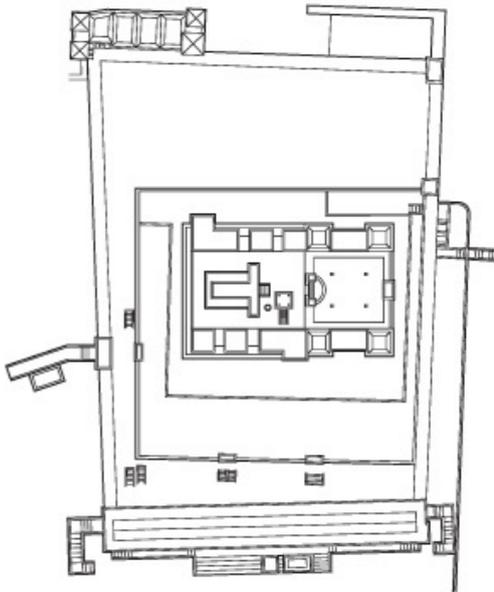
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Psalm 8:1-2

JEREMIAH 7

**WHERE HAVE WE ALLOWED
SHALLOWNESS AND RITUAL TO REPLACE
TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD?**

THE CURSING OF THE FIG TREE

MATTHEW 21:18-22

Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!"

Immediately the tree withered. When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked. Jesus replied,

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Matthew 21:12-18

MICAH 7

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace.

Luke 19:41-42

**WHERE HAVE WE MISPLACED
OUR HOPE?**

**Examine yourselves to see whether you are
in the faith;**

2 Corinthians 3:15

1 PETER 1:3-9

**“The Christian’s life is to be a thing of truth
and also a thing of beauty in the midst of a
lost and despairing world.”**

Francis Schaeffer



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