

~JERUSALEM, FIRST CENTURY (474)

.. Principal Locations, With Related Scriptures

- The Jerusalem that exists today has changed greatly from what it was in the **First Century**. Nevertheless, on the basis of archaeological research, it has been possible to reconstruct in a tentative way some of the key parts of the city.
- This can help students to visualize the events that took place there in connection with the ministry of Jesus and that of his apostles.
- When in Jerusalem at festival times, Jesus taught in the temple area where the crowds were.
- When by now the festival was half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. (**John 7:14**)
- Therefore Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple and said; You both know me and know where I am from. Also, I have not come of my own initiative, but he that sent me is real, and you do not know him. (**John 7:28**)
- Jesus answered him; I have spoken to the world publicly. I always taught in a synagogue and in the temple, where all the Jews come together, and I spoke nothing in secret. (**John 18:20**)
- Following his death and resurrection, his disciples filled **Jerusalem** with their teaching.
- And said; We positively ordered you not to keep teaching upon the basis of this name, and yet, look! You have filled **Jerusalem** with your teaching, and you are determined to bring the blood of this man upon us. (**Acts of Apostles 5:28**)
- From **Jerusalem**, their witnessing eventually spread to the most distant part of the earth.
- But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit arrives upon you, and you will be witnesses of me both in **Jerusalem** and in all Judea and Samaria and to the most distant part of the earth. (**Acts of Apostles 1:8**)

- **The activity of Jesus and his disciples confronted the nation with an important issue; Would they accept the one whom Yehowah sent as Messiah?**
- **Would they recognize their need of the Kingdom of God? Though some put faith in Jesus, most were unresponsive. The nations faithless actions were climaxed by the impalement of Jesus, which took place with popular support at **Jerusalem**. As a result, destruction befell the city in **70 C.E.**, just as Jesus had foretold.**
- **And when he got nearby, he viewed the city and wept over it. (Luke 19:41)**
- **Saying; If you, even you, had discerned in this day the things having to do with peace, but now they have been hid from your eyes. (Luke 19:42)**
- **Because the days will come upon you when your enemies will build around you a fortification with pointed stakes and will encircle you and distress you from every side. (Luke 19:43)**
- **And they will dash you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave a stone upon a stone in you, because you did not discern the time of your being inspected. (Luke 19:44)**

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- **Court of the Gentiles**
- **Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to **Jerusalem**. (John 2:13)**
- **And he found in the temple those selling cattle and sheep and doves and the money brokers in their seats. (John 2:14)**
- **So, after making a whip of ropes, he drove all those with the sheep and cattle out of the temple, and he poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. (John 2:15)**
- **And he said to those selling the doves; Take these things away from here! Stop making the house of my Father a house of merchandise! (John 2:16)**

- His disciples called to mind that it is written: The zeal for your house will eat me up. (**John 2:17**)
- And Jesus entered into the temple and threw out all those selling and buying in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. (**Matthew 21:12**)
- And he said to them; It is written: My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a cave of robbers. (**Matthew 21:13**)
- **Solomon's Colonnade**
- At that time the festival of dedication took place in **Jerusalem**. It was wintertime. (**John 10:22**)
- And Jesus was walking in the temple in the colonnade of Solomon. (**John 10:23**)
- Therefore the Jews encircled him and began to say to him; How long are you to keep our souls in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us outspokenly. (**John 10:24**)
- Jesus answered them; I told you, and yet you do not believe. The works that I am doing in the name of my Father, these bear witness about me. (**John 10:25**)
- But you do not believe, because you are none of my sheep. (**John 10:26**)
- My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (**John 10:27**)
- And I give them everlasting life, and they will by no means ever be destroyed, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (**John 10:28**)
- What my Father has given me is something greater than all other things, and no one can snatch them out of the hand of the Father. (**John 10:29**)
- I and the Father are one. (**John 10:30**)

- **Once more the Jews lifted up stones to stone him. (John 10:31)**
- **Jesus replied to them; I displayed to you many fine works from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me? (John 10:32)**
- **The Jews answered him; We are stoning you, not for a fine work, but for blasphemy, even because you, although being a man, make yourself a god. (John 10:33)**
- **Jesus answered them; Is it not written in your Law, I said; You are gods? (John 10:34)**
- **If he called gods those against whom the word of God came, and yet the Scripture cannot be nullified. (John 10:35)**
- **Do you say to me whom the Father sanctified and dispatched into the world, You blaspheme, because I said; I am God's Son? (John 10:36)**
- **If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me. (John 10:37)**
- **But if I am doing them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, in order, that you may come to know and may continue knowing that the Father is in union with me and I am in union with the Father. (John 10:38)**
- **Therefore they tried again to seize him, but he got out of their reach. (John 10:39)**
- **Well, as the man was holding onto Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at what was called Solomon's colonnade, surprised out of their wits. (Acts of Apostles 3:11)**
- **And they laid their hands upon them and put them in custody till the next day, for it was already evening. (Acts of Apostles 4:3)**
- **Moreover, through the hands of the apostles many signs and portents continued to occur among the people, and they were all with one accord in Solomon's colonnade. (Acts of Apostles 5:12)**
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- For he is our peace, he who made the two parties one and destroyed the wall in between that fenced them off. (**Ephesians 2:14**) Footnote

- **Tower of Antonia**

- But some in the crowd began shouting out one thing, and others another. So, being unable himself to learn anything certain because of the tumult, he commanded him to be brought to the soldiers quarters. (**Acts of Apostles 21:34**)

- Immediately, therefore, the men that were about to examine him with torture withdrew from him, and the military commander became afraid on ascertaining that he was a Roman and that he had bound him. (**Acts of Apostles 22:29**)

- Now when the dissension grew great, the military commander became afraid that Paul would be pulled to pieces by them, and he commanded the force of soldiers to go down and snatch him from their midst and bring him into the soldiers quarters. (**Acts of Apostles 23:10**)

- But the following night the Lord stood by him and said; Be of good courage! For as you have been giving a thorough witness on the things about me in **Jerusalem**, so you must also bear witness in Rome. (**Acts of Apostles 23:11**)

- However, the son of Paul's sister heard of their lying in wait, and he came and entered into the soldiers quarters and reported it to Paul. (**Acts of Apostles 23:16**)

- So Paul called one of the army officers to him and said; Lead this young man off to the military commander, for he has something to report to him. (**Acts of Apostles 23:17**)

- Therefore this man took him and led him to the military commander and said; The prisoner Paul called me to him and requested me to lead this young man to you, as he has something to tell you. (**Acts of Apostles 23:18**)

- The military commander took him by the hand and withdrew and began inquiring privately; What is it you have to report to me?

(Acts of Apostles 23:19)

- He said; The Jews have agreed to request you to bring Paul down to the Sanhedrin tomorrow as though intending to learn something more accurate about him. **(Acts of Apostles 23:20)**
- Above all things, do not let them persuade you, for more than forty men of theirs are lying in wait for him, and they have bound themselves with a curse neither to eat nor to drink until they have done away with him, and they are now ready, waiting for the promise from you. **(Acts of Apostles 23:21)**
- Therefore the military commander let the young man go after ordering him; Do not blab to anyone that you have made these things clear to me. **(Acts of Apostles 23:22)**
- And he summoned a certain two of the army officers and said; Get two hundred soldiers ready to march clear to Caesarea, also seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen, at the third hour of the night. **(Acts of Apostles 23:23)**
- Also, provide beasts of burden that they may have Paul ride and convey him safely to Felix the governor. **(Acts of Apostles 23:24)**
- And he wrote a letter having this form. **(Acts of Apostles 23:25)**
- Claudius Lysias to his excellency, Governor Felix. Greetings! **(Acts of Apostles 23:26)**
- This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be done away with by them, but I came suddenly with a force of soldiers and rescued him, because I learned he was a Roman. **(Acts of Apostles 23:27)**
- And wishing to ascertain the cause for which they were accusing him, I brought him down into their Sanhedrin. **(Acts of Apostles 23:28)**
- I found him to be accused about questions of their Law, but not charged with a single thing deserving of death or bonds. **(Acts of Apostles 23:29)**
- But because a plot that is to be laid against the man has been disclosed to me, I am at once sending him to you, and

commanding the accusers to speak against him before you. (**Acts of Apostles 23:30**)

- **Governor's Palace**

- Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. It was now early in the day. But they themselves did not enter into the governor's palace, that they might not get defiled but might eat the Passover. (**John 18:28**)

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- At that time, therefore, he handed him over to them to be impaled. Then they took charge of Jesus. (**John 19:16**)

- **Sanhedrin Hall**

- At length when it became day, the assembly of older men of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they haled him into their **Sanhedrin hall**, saying; (**Luke 22:66**)

- If you are the Christ, tell us. But he said to them; Even if I told you, you would not believe it at all. (**Luke 22:67**)

- Moreover, if I questioned you, you would not answer at all. (**Luke 22:68**)

- However, from now on the Son of man will be sitting at the powerful right hand of God. (**Luke 22:69**)

- At this they all said; Are you, therefore, the Son of God? He said to them; You yourselves are saying that I am. (**Luke 22:70**)

- They said; Why do we need further witness? For we ourselves have heard it out of his own mouth. (**Luke 22:71**)

- The next day there took place in **Jerusalem** the gathering together of their rulers and older men and scribes. (**Acts of Apostles 4:5**)

- Also Annas the chief priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and as many as were of the chief priests kinsfolk. (**Acts of Apostles 4:6**)

- **And they stood them in their midst and began to inquire; By what power or in whose name did you do this? (Acts of Apostles 4:7)**
- **Then Peter, filled with Holy Spirit, said to them; Rulers of the people and older men. (Acts of Apostles 4:8)**
- **If we are this day being examined, on the basis of a good deed to an ailing man, as to by whom this man has been made well. (Acts of Apostles 4:9)**
- **Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you impaled but whom God raised up from the dead, by this one does this man stand here sound in front of you. (Acts of Apostles 4:10)**
- **This is the stone that was treated by you builders as of no account that has become the head of the corner. (Acts of Apostles 4:11)**
- **Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved. (Acts of Apostles 4:12)**
- **Now when they beheld the outspokenness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were men unlettered and ordinary, they got to wondering. And they began to recognize about them that they used to be with Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 4:13)**
- **And as they were looking at the man that had been cured standing with them, they had nothing to say in rebuttal. (Acts of Apostles 4:14)**
- **So they commanded them to go outside the Sanhedrin hall, and they began consulting with one another. (Acts of Apostles 4:15)**
- **Saying; What shall we do with these men? Because, for a fact, a noteworthy sign has occurred through them, one manifest to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. (Acts of Apostles 4:16)**
- **Nevertheless, in order, that it may not be spread abroad further among the people, let us tell them with threats not to speak anymore upon the basis of this name to any man at all. (Acts of**

Apostles 4:17)

- **With that they called them and charged them, nowhere to make any utterance or to teach upon the basis of the name of Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 4:18)**
- **But in reply Peter and John said to them; Whether it is righteous in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, judge for yourselves. (Acts of Apostles 4:19)**
- **But as for us, we cannot stop speaking about the things we have seen and heard. (Acts of Apostles 4:20)**
- **So, when they had further threatened them, they released them, since they did not find any ground on which to punish them and on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God over what had occurred. (Acts of Apostles 4:21)**
- **For the man upon whom this sign of healing had occurred was more than forty years old. (Acts of Apostles 4:22)**
- **And they stirred up the people and the older men and the scribes, and, coming upon him suddenly, they took him by force and led him to the Sanhedrin. (Acts of Apostles 6:12)**
- **At this they cried out at the top of the voice and put their hands over their ears and rushed upon him with one accord. (Acts of Apostles 7:57)**
- **So, the next day, as he desired to know for sure just why he was being accused by the Jews, he let him loose and commanded the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to assemble. And he brought Paul down and stood him among them. (Acts of Apostles 22:30)**
- **Now when the dissension grew great, the military commander became afraid that Paul would be pulled to pieces by them, and he commanded the force of soldiers to go down and snatch him from their midst and bring him into the soldiers quarters. (Acts of Apostles 23:10)**
- **Pool of Bethzatha**
- **After these things there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to **Jerusalem**. (John 5:1)**

- Now in **Jerusalem** at the sheepgate there is a pool designated in Hebrew Bethzatha, with five colonnades. (**John 5:2**)
- In these a multitude of the sick, blind, lame and those with withered members, was lying down. (**John 5:3**)
- But a certain man was there who had been in his sickness for thirty-eight years. (**John 5:5**)
- Seeing this man lying down, and being aware that he had already been sick a long time, Jesus said to him; Do you want to become sound in health? (**John 5:6**)
- The sick man answered him; Sir, I do not have a man to put me into the pool when the water is disturbed, but while I am coming another steps down ahead of me. (**John 5:7**)
- Jesus said to him; Get up, pick up your cot and walk. (**John 5:8**)
- With that the man immediately became sound in health, and he picked up his cot and began to walk. Now on that day it was a Sabbath. (**John 5:9**)
- **Pool of Siloam**
- After he said these things, he spit on the ground and made a clay with the saliva, and put his clay upon the man's eyes (**John 9:6**)
- And said to him; Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which is translated, **Sent forth**. And so he went off and washed, and came back seeing. (**John 9:7**)
- Therefore the neighbors and those who formerly used to see he was a beggar began to say; This is the man that used to sit and beg, is it not? (**John 9:8**)
- Some would say; This is he. Others would say; Not at all, but he is like him. The man would say; I am he. (**John 9:9**)
- Consequently they began to say to him; How, then, were your eyes opened? (**John 9:10**)
- He answered; The man called Jesus made a clay and smeared it

on my eyes and said to me, Go to **Siloam** and wash. I therefore went and washed and gained sight. (**John 9:11**)

- **Valley of Hinnom**
- And if your eye makes you stumble, throw it away, it is finer for you to enter one-eyed into the kingdom of God than with two eyes to be pitched into Gehenna. (**Mark 9:47**)
- Where their maggot does not die and the fire is not put out. (**Mark 9:48**)
- Well, the tongue is a fire. The tongue is constituted a world of unrighteousness among our members, for it spots up all the body and sets the wheel of natural life aflame and it is set aflame by Gehenna. (**James 3:6**)