



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Jesus on trial



- Gethsemane has passed
- Apostles have scattered, Peter has failed
- Religious trial had declared Him guilty...
 - Held at night, no witnesses, no legal grounds
 - Held overnight at Caiaphas' house

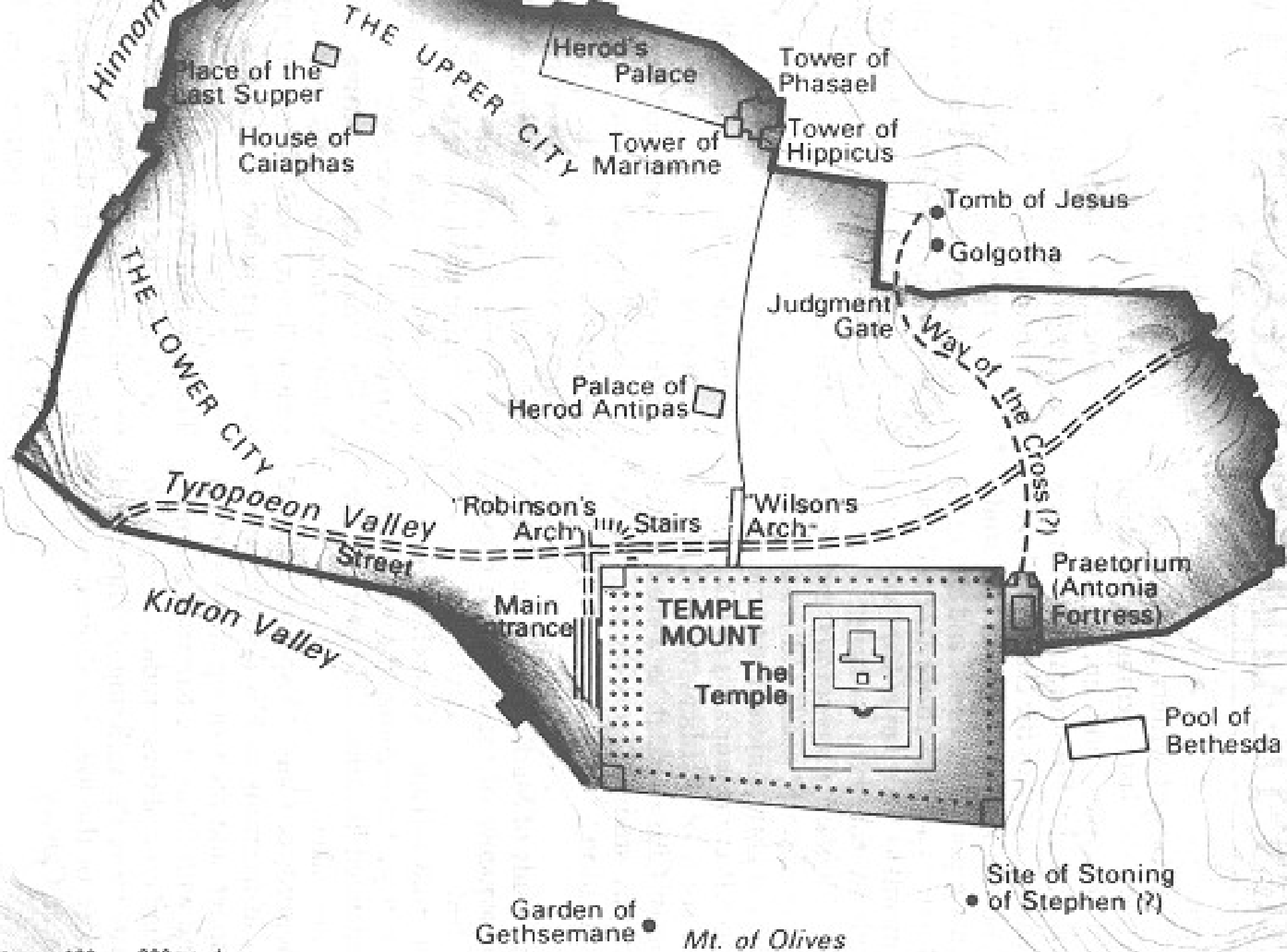
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THE UPPER CITY

Herod's Palace

Tower of Phasael

Place of the Last Supper

House of Caiaphas

Tower of Mariamne

Tower of Hippicus

Tomb of Jesus

Golgotha

THE LOWER CITY

Judgment Gate

Way of the Cross (?)

Palace of Herod Antipas

Tyropoeon Valley Street

Robinson's Arch

Stairs

Wilson's Arch

Praetorium (Antonia Fortress)

Kidron Valley

Main Entrance

TEMPLE MOUNT

The Temple

Pool of Bethesda

Garden of Gethsemane

Mt. of Olives

Site of Stoning of Stephen (?)

0 100 200 yards

Early Morning civil trial



- Pilate is next, prophecy had to be fulfilled!
 - Blasphemers were usually stoned... (Stephen)
 - They wanted Jesus killed as a traitor of Rome (taxes)
 - They bring him to the Roman governor
 - Pilate was no friend to the Jews...
- Another story interrupts... like Peter... Judas
 - Outcome of the religious trial has triggered this... (3)

Judas' spiral



- At some point the devil left him to his fears...
 - “saw” , had he been outside waiting?
 - “remorse” ~ regret, not the weeping of repentance...
 - Returns the silver... I have sinned, betrayed innocence
 - He is convicted, but does not repent!
 - He is offered no forgiveness or help (4)
 - He makes restitution, throwing the silver into the temple
 - And then kills himself... Potter's field (7)

How did Judas die?



- Traditional theory – Acts 1:18,19
 - Hanged himself, left over the sabbath
 - Body became bloated after death
 - Eventually the rope broke, body burst open
- Another thought...
 - Impaled, instead of hanged with a rope...
- Main message – bad death....

1st Civil “trial”



- Christ before Pilate (John 18:29-32 set-up)
 - Are you King of the Jews? The only thing that mattered
 - Was He trying to overthrow Caesar and Rome?
- Jesus responds, yes...
- Priests/elders accuse, but no answer is given...
- *said – “Do you not hear...?”
- Pilate “amazed” – marvel, wonder, admire... (14)

Failure to act...



- At some point, Herod gets an interview (Lk 23:8-12)
 - Matthew leaves this out, insignificant man to the Jews
- Pilate tries to free Jesus thru compromise
 - Feast day pardon...
 - “notorious prisoner” – Bar-Abba
 - He offers them a choice...
 - **HE KNEW** it was jealousy!! (18) motive of fear!!!

Failure to act...



- Wife's warning ~
 - She had a dream about Jesus ~ “righteous man”
 - Dream had caused her “suffering”, passion, vexed
 - Have nothing to do... she warned of consequences...
- Chief priests/elders press Pilate (John 19:12)
 - Note vs 22 ~ *said x2
 - “what evil has he done?”

Pilate crumbles



- Washed his hands in front of the people...
 - I am innocent of this Man's blood...
 - Pilate will try again to release Christ (John 19:5)
 - "His blood be upon us..." (vs 25)
 - Jesus had said much the same...
- The time all history is focused on has come...