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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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Austin, TX

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*Gospel Clues
&
Consequences*

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A scenic landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, three people are walking away from the viewer on a dirt path that winds through a valley. They are dressed in simple, light-colored robes. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under the setting sun. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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50+ Special Events – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Gospel Clues & Consequences”

State Capitol & Governor's Mansion – 2026



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50+ Special Events

- May 29 (Fri) – **Summer Social**
 - 6:30 – 9 pm – Betsy & Dave Willis' home.
BYOB & Appetizer or Dessert.
- July 3 (Fri) – **Patriotic Pool Party**
 - 6 – 9 pm – Chapmans' home. BYOB & Appetizer or Dessert.
Burgers & Hot Dogs provided.
- Aug 7 (Fri) – **Dinners for 7+**
 - 6 – 8:30 pm – Various homes. Covered Dish.
- Sep 20 (Sun) – **Fall Kick-off Lunch**
 - 11:30 am – 2:30 pm – Betty & Jerry Hood's home

A bright sun shining through clouds with rays of light, symbolizing ascension. The sun is positioned at the top center, with rays of light radiating downwards and outwards, creating a dramatic and uplifting atmosphere. The clouds are scattered and illuminated by the sun's rays, adding texture and depth to the scene. The overall color palette is dominated by warm yellows and oranges from the sun, transitioning into cooler blues and whites from the sky and clouds.

ASCENSION SUNDAY

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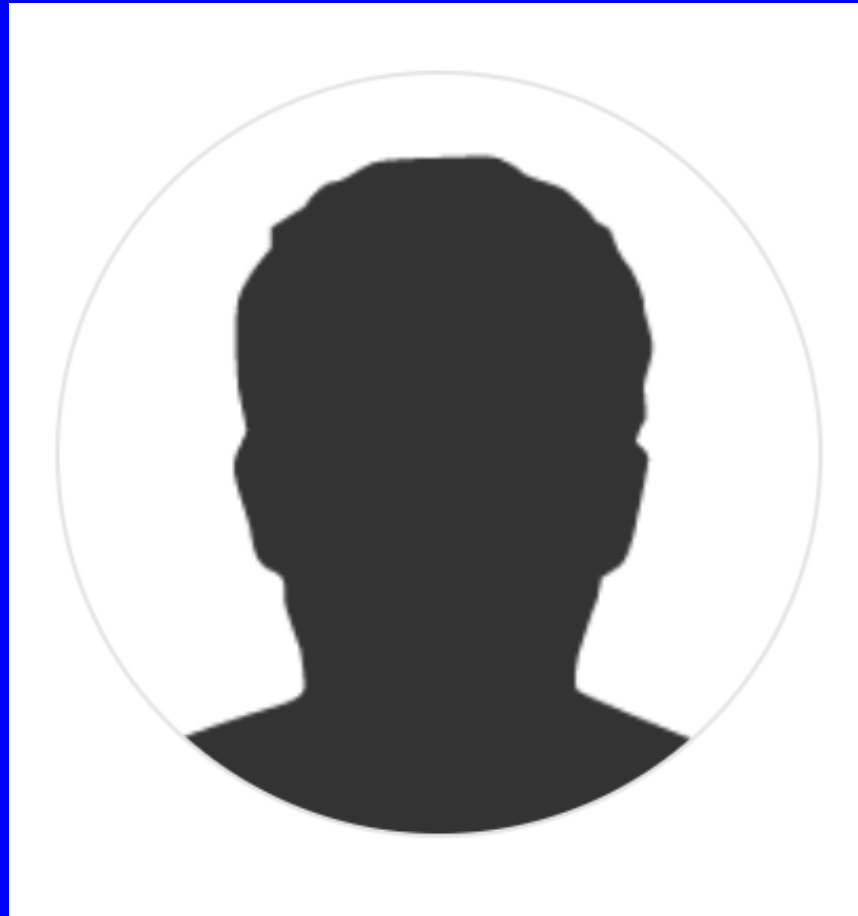
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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious

about anything, but in everything

by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds

in Christ Jesus.

(ESV)

New City Catechism

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Part 1—God, Creation & Fall, Law (Q1-Q20)

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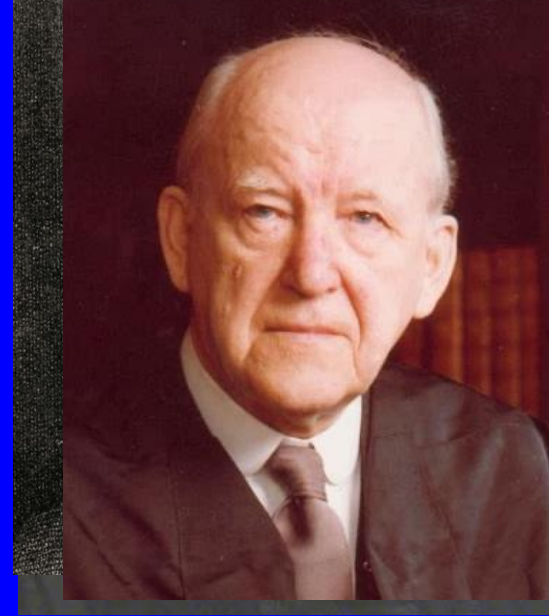
For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

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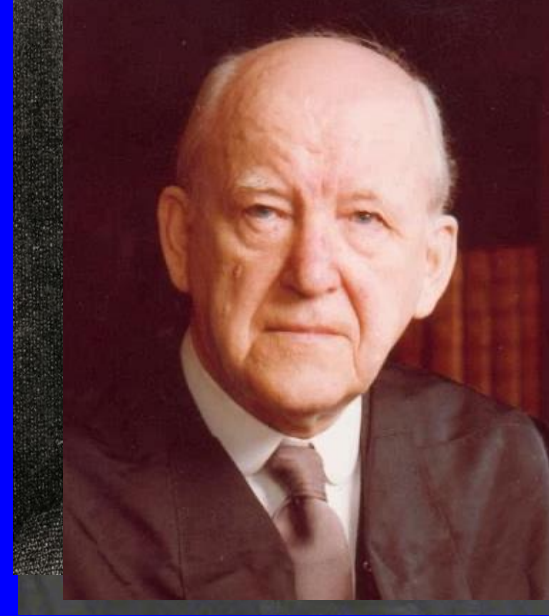


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Common grace is the term applied to those general blessings which God imparts to all men and women indiscriminately as He pleases, not only to His own people, but to all men and women, according to His own will. Or, again, common grace means those general operations of the Holy Spirit in which, without renewing the heart, He exercises a moral influence whereby sin is restrained, order is maintained in social life, and civil righteousness is promoted. That is the general definition. The Holy Spirit has been operative in this world from the very beginning and He has had His influence and His effect upon men and women who are not saved and who have gone to perdition. While they were in this life and world they came under these general, non-saving operations of the Holy Spirit. . . . It is not a saving influence, nor is it a redemptive influence, but it is a part of God's purpose. . . .

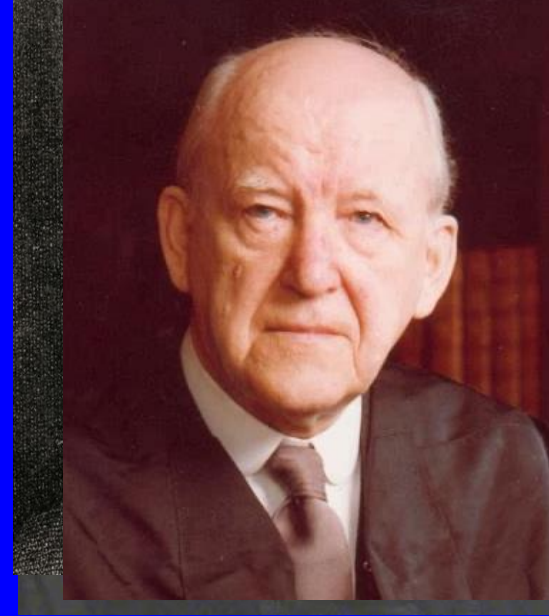


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If the Holy Spirit were not operative in men and women in this general way, human beings, as a result of the Fall and of sin, would have festered away into oblivion long ago. . . . Next to that is what is generally described as culture. By that I mean arts and science, an interest in the things of the mind, literature, architecture, sculpture, painting, and music. Now, there can be no question at all but that cultivation of the arts is good. It is not redemptive, but it improves people, it makes them live better lives. Now, where do all these things come from? How do you explain men like Shakespeare or Michelangelo? The answer from the Scripture is that all these people had their gifts and were able to exercise them as the result of the operation of common grace, this general influence of the Holy Spirit.



Lesson Series

- 4/12 – Gospel Clues & Consequences
- 4/19 – Gospel Clues & Consequences – 2
- **4/26 – *Gospel Clues & Consequences – 3***

- 5/3 – Guest Teacher: Rev. Bill Laughlin
- 5/10 – No Class (Mother’s Day)
- 5/17 – ***Gospel Clues & Consequences – 4***
- 5/24 – No Class (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 5/31 –

- 6/7 – Guest Teacher: Daniel Pope
- 6/14 – Guest Teacher: Rev. Ian Hammond
- 6/21 –
- 6/28–

- 7/5 - 8/16 – No Class (Summer Break)

- 8/23 – Guest Teacher:
- 8/30 – Guest Teacher:

5/17/26

Gospel Clues & Consequences

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Gospel Clues

- *Luke 24:13-27 (25-27)*

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

Gospel Clues

- Luke 24:13-27 (25-27)

*²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And **beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.***

- Scripture
- Types/Typologies
- Temple/Tabernacle

Gospel Clues

- Luke 24^{—27} ...*beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted ... in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*
 - **Scripture – Points to Messiah-Christ's Crucifixion**
 - Psalm 22
 - Isaiah 53
 - Jeremiah 31
 - Zechariah 12

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- **Scripture – Points to Messiah-Christ's Resurrection**

- I Corinthians 15:3-5

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was **raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures***

- Genesis 1.12

Trees bearing new life of fruit according to its kind on day 3

- Genesis 22.1-14

Isaac—escapes death and is given life on day 3

- Genesis 40.20-21

Pharaoh's cupbearer—returns to life in royal court on day 3

- Genesis 42.18

Joseph—releases brothers from threat of death on day 3

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- Exodus 15:22-25

Upon facing death of wilderness thirst, God gives Israel life-giving water on 3rd day

- Exodus 19:11

At Mt. Sinai, God comes down to meet his people *on day 3*

- Esther 5:1

With Jews under sentence of death, Queen Esther enters the king's presence *on day 3*, finds favor, and brings her people back to life.

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Adam & Eve**

- Genesis 3.6—fruit from the tree brought curse & thorns
- 1 Cor 15.20—on the tree with curse & thorns brought firstfruits

- **Noah**

- Genesis 6.16—...*the door of the ark...*
- Jn 10.9—*I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved*
- Matthew 7.13—*Enter by the narrow gate*

- **Abraham/Isaac**

- Genesis 22.6-8—Carried wood on his back to the place of sacrifice, in obedience to his father's will
- John 19.17—*Carrying his own cross, he went out to...Golgotha*

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Joseph**

Genesis 37, 39-50—

- Beloved by his father. Clothed with special glory (robe).
- Sent by father to “*see if it is well with your brothers*” (37.14)
- Brothers are prideful & hateful. He’s betrayed, stripped, cast into a pit, sold for 20 pieces of silver, to be enslaved/killed.
- Falsely accused by a pagan foreign government. Condemned beside 2 men (cup bearer & baker)—1 lives; the other dies.
- Raised to the right hand of the god Pharoah. Gives him a new name and all authority to co-rule the kingdom.
- Provider of bread for the nations to save from famine.
- Brothers don’t recognize the savior as their brother.
- “*What you meant for evil, God meant for good*” (Gen 50.20)

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Moses**

- **Birth** under threat of infanticide.

JC – Birth under threat of infanticide.

- **Transformed Water** to Blood as judgment.

JC - Transformed Water to Wine as blessing.

- Led People **thru Water** (Red Sea) to Freedom

JC – Leads thru Water (Holy Spirit Baptism) to Freedom of Sin
Matt 3.11—JB: *I baptize you with water..., but he who is coming after me ... will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

- Led **from Slavery**, thru **Trial**, w/ Fire, → **Promised Land**

JC – Led from Sin's slavery, thru Sanctification, w/ HS → Glory

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Moses**

- **Manna** from God (Deut 8.3) for *40 years* (Exod 16.35)

JC – *I am the bread of life... the living bread... from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.* (John 6.48-51)

- **Rock** Stricken with Rod to yield Water for thirst (Exod 17.6)

JC – Stricken with Spear to yield Water & Blood (John 19.34)

1 Cor 10.4—*the spiritual Rock that followed them...was Christ*

- **Bronze Serpent** on a Pole—*look...and live* to heal from Poison of Fiery Serpents (Num 21.8-9)

JC – *... as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.* (John 3.14-15)

Gospel Clues

Types/Typologies

- **Jonah**

- Jonah 2—*”I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of **Sheol** I cried, and you heard my voice. (v.2) ... To the roots of the mountains I went down, to the land whose bars closed upon me forever. Yet you brought up my life from the pit...” (v.6)*
 - Not ‘fish’ but **‘Sheol’**—Hebrew: ‘the place of the dead’
 - A city (Nineveh) is saved because it responds to the words of the preacher who was dead and yet lives
- Matthew 12:40—Jesus refers to *”the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”*
 - The world is saved because it responds to the words of the Living Word who was dead and now lives

Gospel Clues

Temple/Tabernacle

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- John 2:18-22—“Destroy this temple, and in 3 days I will raise it up.” ... ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

- High Priest

- Hebrews—all of it

- Door

- 1 Kings 6.31, 7.48-50
- Jn 10.9—I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved
- Mt 7.13—Enter by the narrow gate

- Lampstand

- Exod 25.31-40—out of a talent [75 lbs] of pure gold.
- Leviticus 24.2-4—...a light...kept burning regularly/continually
- John 8.12—I am the light of the world.



Gospel Clues

Temple/Tabernacle

- **Showbread of the Presence**

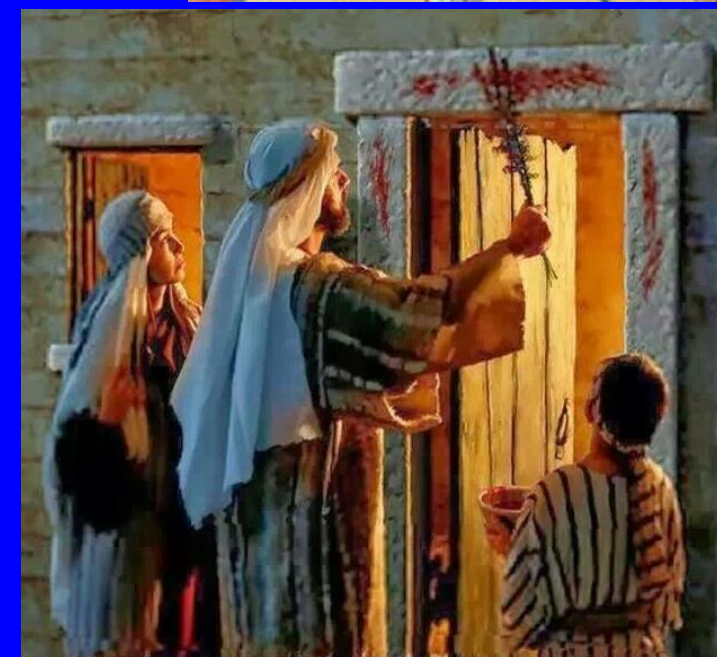
- Exodus 25.30—...*before Me always.*
- Leviticus 24.5-9—12 cakes
- John 6.35—*I am the bread of life*

- **Veil**

- Exodus 26.31-33—separated Holy Place from Most Holy Place
- Mt, Mk, Lk—at Crucifixion, ripped top to bottom
- Heb 10.20—*new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is...his flesh*

- **Sacrifice**

- Exod 12.5-7—...*take...the blood and put it on the two doorposts and lintel of the houses...*
- John 1:29—*Behold, the Lamb of God...*
- Heb 10.19—...*confidence to enter the holy places by the blood...*



Gospel Clues

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 - Scripture
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 - Temple/Tabernacle
- It seems that, before Jesus' arrival, the Jewish People missed all sorts of "*Gospel Clues*" pointing to Jesus as Messiah-Christ
- What about *after* Jesus?
- Are there any "*Gospel Consequences*" they missed?

Gospel Consequences

- In the Jewish World of Jerusalem after Jesus, from ~ 30 – 70 AD, were there any “Gospel Consequences” the Jewish People missed, which also pointed to Jesus being Messiah-Christ?
- Certainly, in their midst, more and more believers in Jesus as Messiah . . .

Acts 2:42-47

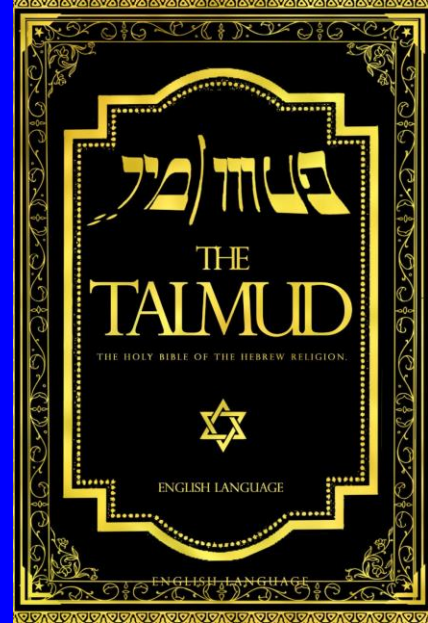
*42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching .. and **the prayers**. ... 43 ... and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ... 46 And day by day, **attending the temple together** 47 ... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Gospel Consequences

The Talmud

- Important, ancient writings in Rabbinic Judaism, from both oral teachings and their interpretations
- *Jerusalem Talmud* – the earliest collection
- *Babylonian Talmud* – compiled between 200's-400's AD.

- Includes horrendous descriptions of both Jesus and Mary—
 - ... which I will not repeat ...



Gospel Consequences

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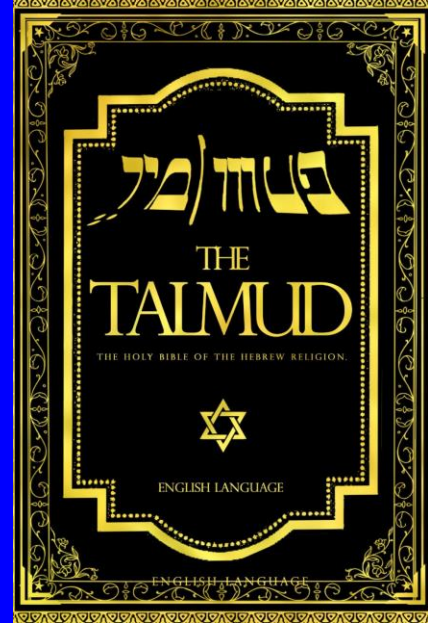
– recounts fascinating occurrences from ~ 30 - 70 AD.

- Jerusalem Talmud:

“Forty years before the destruction of the Temple, the **western light** went out, the **crimson thread** remained crimson, and the **lot for the Lord** always came up in the left hand. They would close the **gates of the Temple** by night and get up in the morning and find them wide open.” (Jacob Neusner, *The Yurshalmi*, p. 156-157)

- Babylonian Talmud:

“Our rabbis taught: During the last forty years before the destruction of the Temple the **lot ‘For the Lord’** did not come up in the right hand; nor did the **crimson-colored strap** become white; nor did the **western** most **light** shine; and the **doors of the Hekel [Temple]** would open by themselves.” (Soncino version, *Yoma* 39b)



Gospel Consequences

Even "secular" historians of the time recorded some of these events

- **Josephus**, *The Jewish War* (6.5.3):
“...the Eastern Gate of the inner court of the Temple, which was of brass and vastly heavy, and had been with difficulty shut by twenty men, was seen to be opened of its own accord about the sixth hour of the night.” [i.e., midnight]
- **Tacitus**, *Histories* (Book 5, Chapter 13):
“...the temple was illuminated by a sudden radiance from the clouds; the doors of the shrine were suddenly thrown open ...”

We need to understand these references

- What was **normal** for 1st C. Jews before ~ 30 AD regarding . . .
 - ‘Western Light’
 - ‘Crimson Thread’
 - **‘Lot for the Lord’**
 - **‘Temple Doors’**

View of Temple from Mt. of Olives



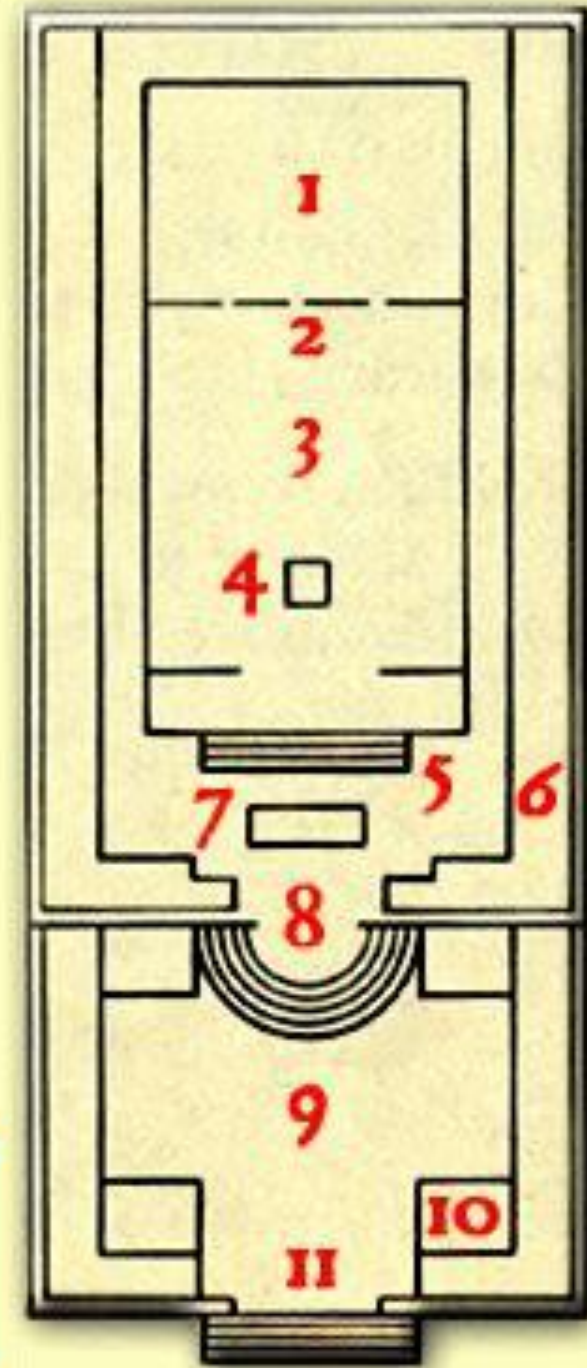
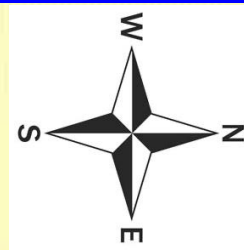
1st C. Jerusalem Temple

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Jerusalem Temple ¹⁵

Sketch after plan of Avi-Yonah's model.

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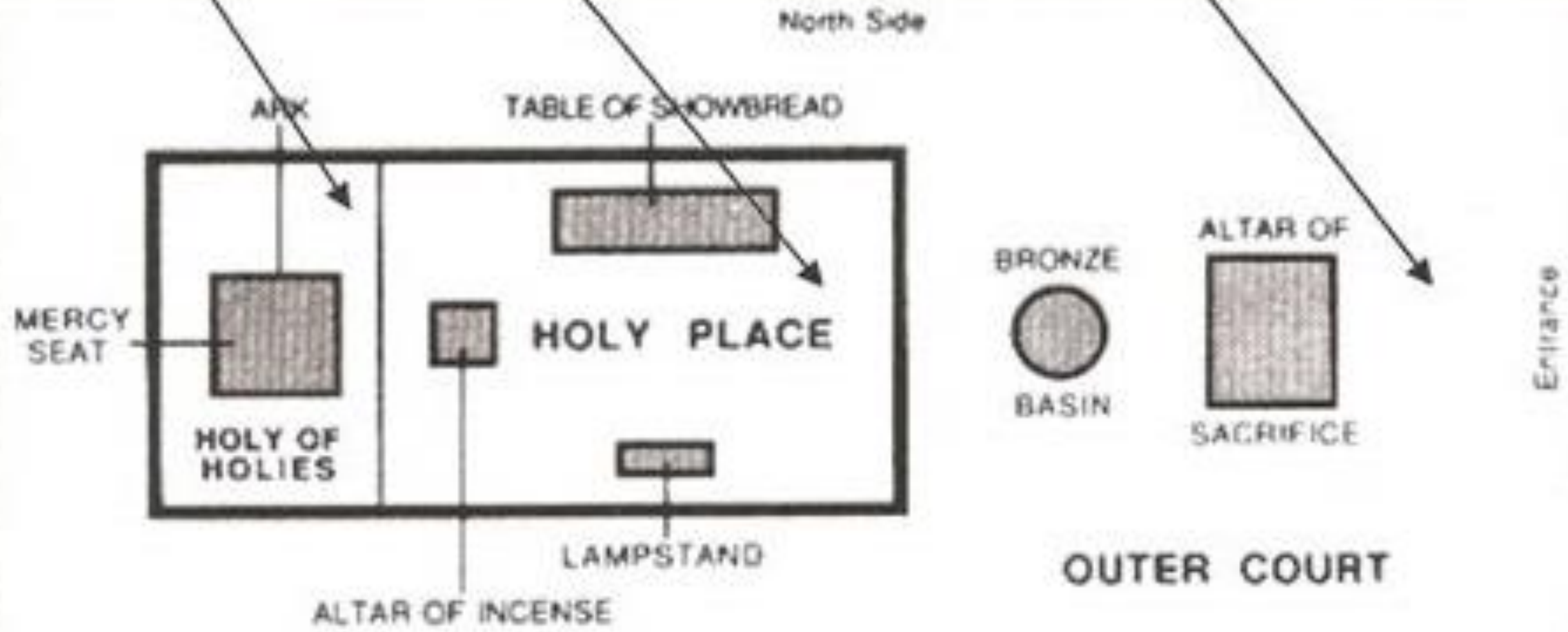
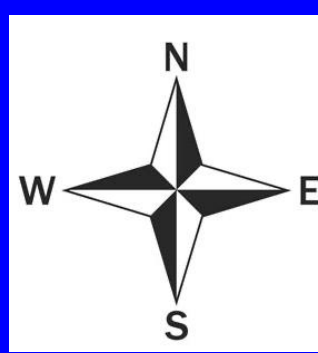


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1st C. Jerusalem Temple Mount Within the Court of Priests



“Entrance” =
Nicanor Gate

Gospel Consequences

What was *normal* for 1st C. Jews before ~ 30 AD . . .

- **‘Western Light’**
 - The Menorah in the temple held 7 lamps
 - The *westernmost lamp* was to be kept lit at all times as a perpetual fire
 - It was most important: from it, the other 6 were lit daily.
 - **However**, from ~ 30 – 70 AD, it **went out every single day**.
 - *“This ‘western lamp’ was to be kept lit at all times. For that reason, the priests kept extra reservoirs of olive oil and other implements in ready supply to make sure that the ‘western lamp’ (under all circumstances) would stay lit. But what happened in the forty years from the very year Messiah said the physical Temple would be destroyed? Every night for forty years the western lamp went out, and this in spite of the priests each evening preparing in a special way the western lamp so that it would remain constantly burning all night!”*
—Ernest Martin, “The Significance of the Year CE 30,” 1994



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- See Isaiah 1:18



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- **However**, The Talmud says these miracles ceased after 30 AD.
- See: Hebrews 9:12



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- ***However***, between 30 – 70 AD, the white stone never once turned up in the right hand of the priest. It turned up in the left hand every single time.
- See: Acts 2.34, quoting Psalm 110:1
- See also: Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 1:3, 12:2.

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- *‘Temple Doors’*

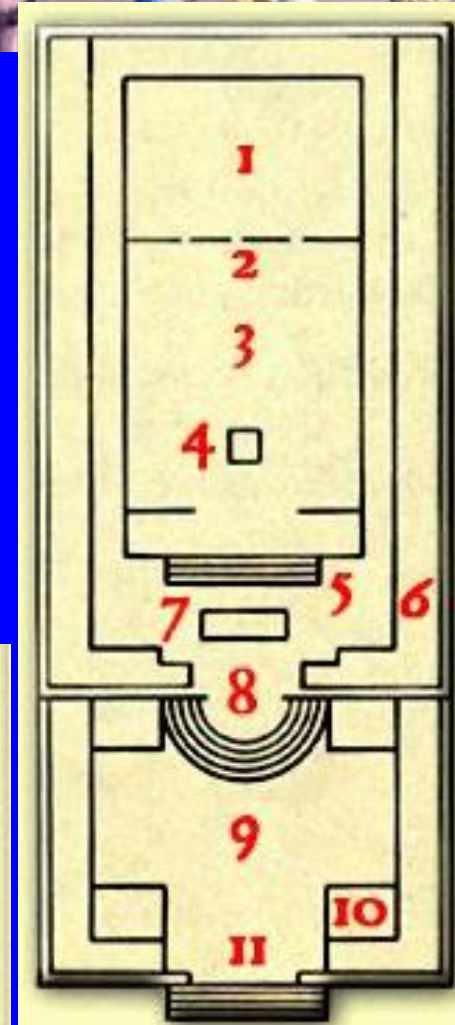


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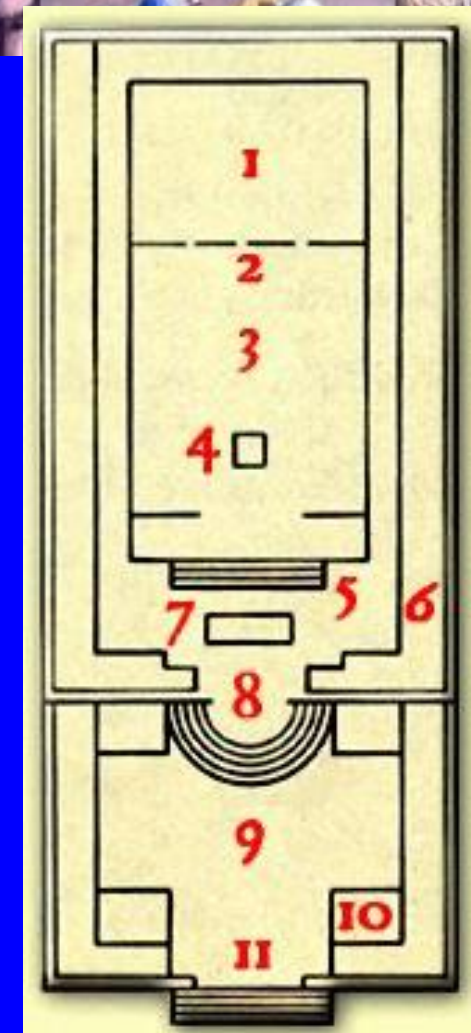
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- Thus, when Jesus returns, he will descend from heaven to the top of the Mount of Olives, east of the Temple Mount
- This angelic prophecy ties to other prophecies of his return . . .



View of Temple from Mt. of Olives



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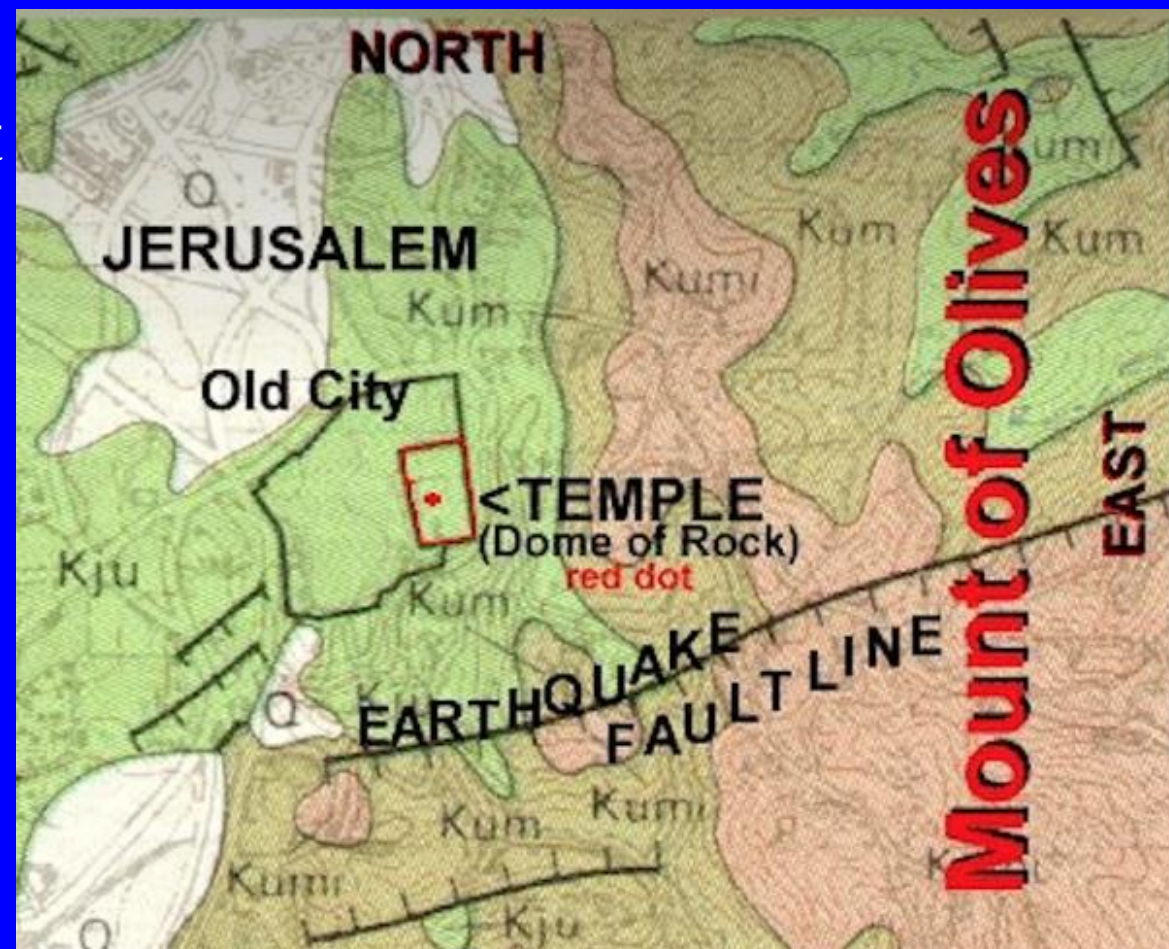
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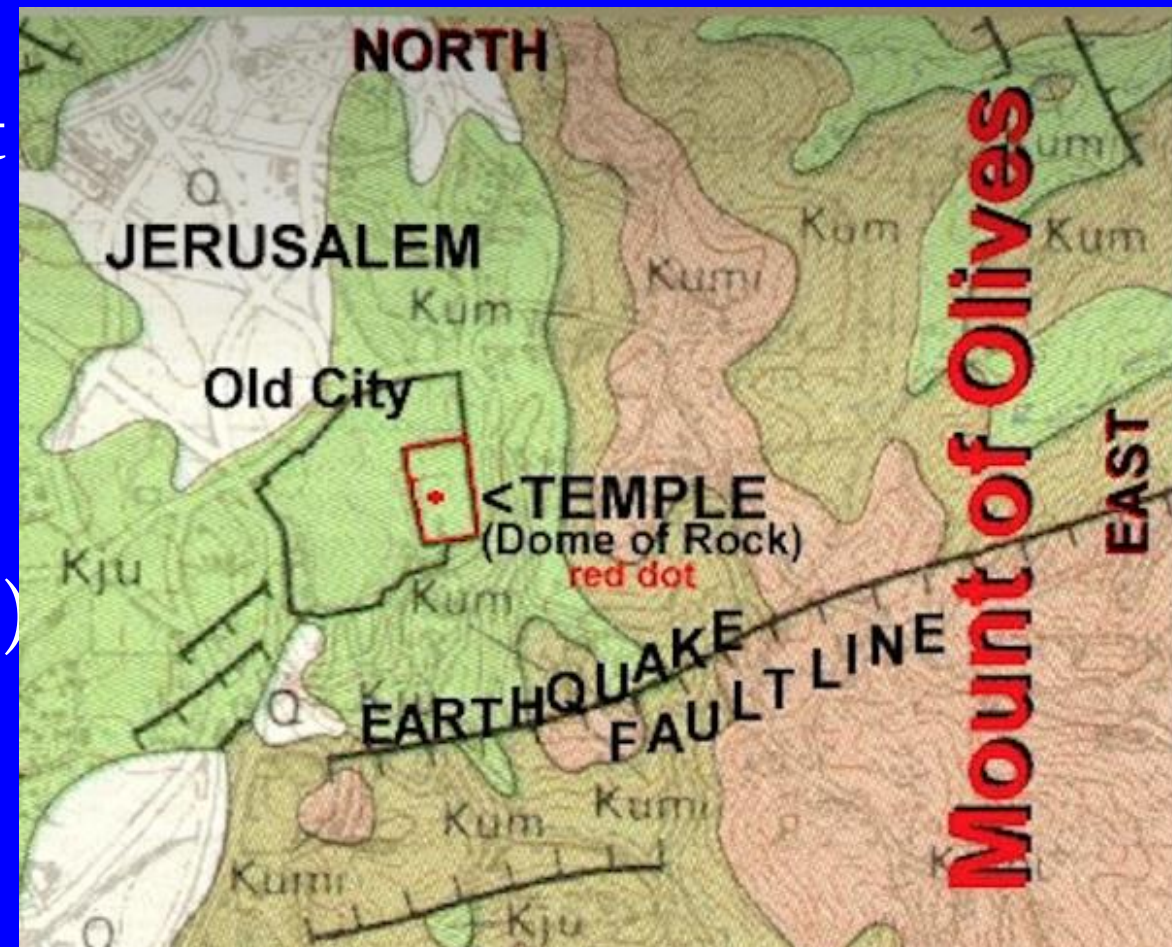
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- This will open a pathway for Jesus to proceed directly to the Temple Mount (Ezek 43 & Zach 14:4)



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