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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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Austin, TX

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*Gospel Clues,
Consequences,
&
Convictions*


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A scenic landscape at sunset with three people in robes walking away on a path. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over rolling hills and a valley. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds. The people are seen from behind, walking along a dirt path that leads into the distance. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

***Gospel Clues,
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50+ Special Events – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Gospel Clues, Consequences, & Convictions”



Summer Social

Thanks,
Betsy & Dave!



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. Unidos & YA too!
- 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



Trinity Sunday



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- Our Triune God is One God – not 3 gods
- In 3 Persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit – not 3 forms or modes
- Distinct – The Father is not The Son is not The Holy Spirit
- Full Divinity – F is worshipped with the S is worshipped with the HS
- Coequal & Coeternal – in glory, greatness, and majesty
- Unified, Shared Essence
 - Of one Being
 - 3 Persons, neither confused nor divided

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5/31/26

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Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.*

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*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee;
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
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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

(thegospelcoalition.org/new-city-catechism)

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

Part 2—Christ, Redemption, Grace (Q21-Q35)

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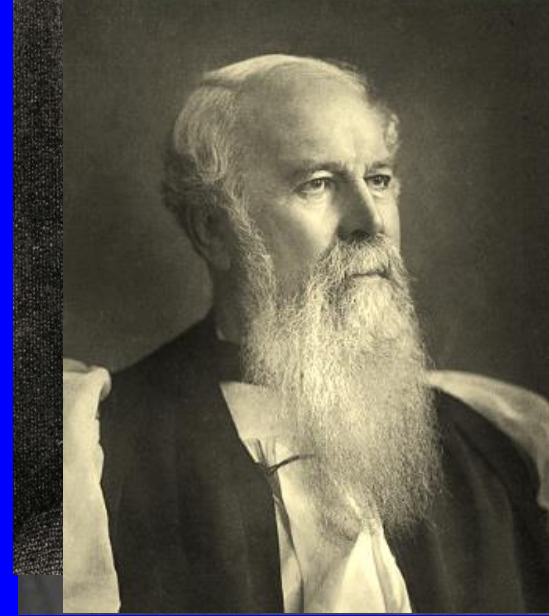
John 3:16-18, 36

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ... Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

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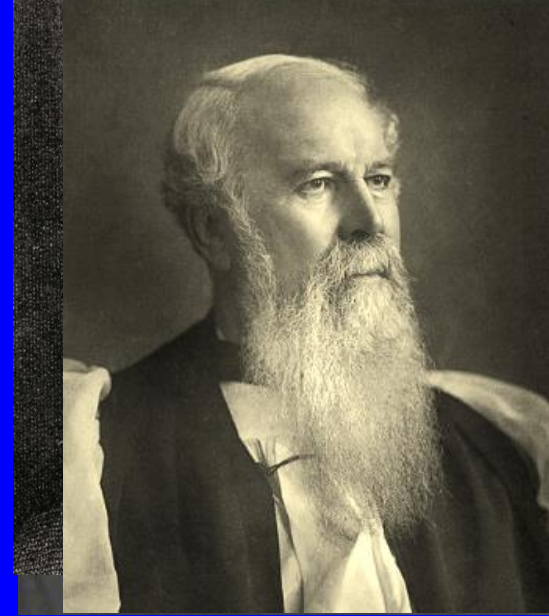
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Painful as the subject of hell is, it is one about which I dare not, cannot, must not be silent. Who would desire to speak of hell-fire if God had not spoken of it? When God has spoken of it so plainly, who can safely hold his peace?

. . . I know that some do not believe there is any hell at all. They think it impossible there can be such a place. They call it inconsistent with the mercy of God. They say it is too awful an idea to be really true. The devil of course rejoices in the views of such people. They help his kingdom mightily. They are preaching up his old favourite doctrine, “ye shall not surely die.” . . .

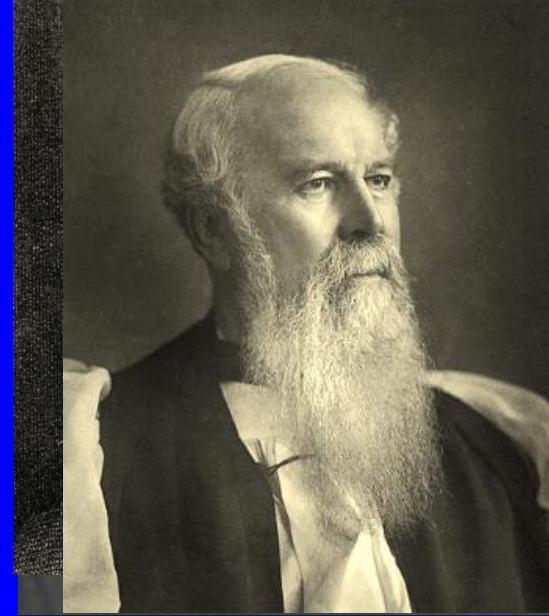


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There is but one point to be settled, “what says the word of God.” Do you believe the Bible? Then depend upon it, hell is real and true. It is as true as heaven—as true as justification by faith—as true as the fact that Christ died upon the cross—as true as the Dead Sea. There is not a fact or doctrine which you may not lawfully doubt if you doubt hell. Disbelieve hell, and you unscrew, unsettle, and unpin everything in Scripture. You may as well throw your Bible aside at once. From “no hell” to “no God” there is but a series of steps.



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 – ***Gospel Clues, Consequences, & Convictions – 5***

- 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:

5/31/26

Gospel Clues & Consequences

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Gospel Clues

- *Luke 24:13-27 (25-27) – Road to Emmaus*

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

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*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**

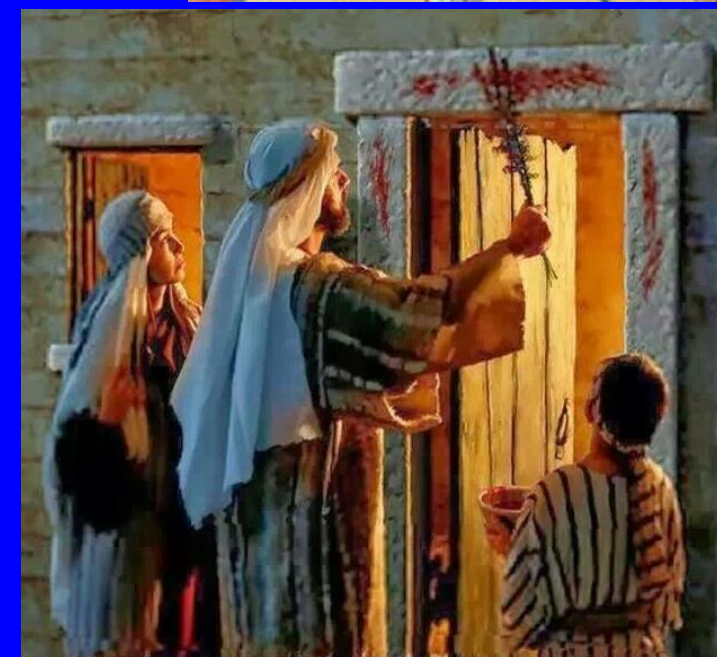
- Exodus 25.30—...*before Me always.*
- Leviticus 24.5-9—12 cakes
- John 6.35—*I am the bread of life*

- **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

- Luke 24^{—27} ...*beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted ... in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*
 - Scripture
 - Types
 - 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

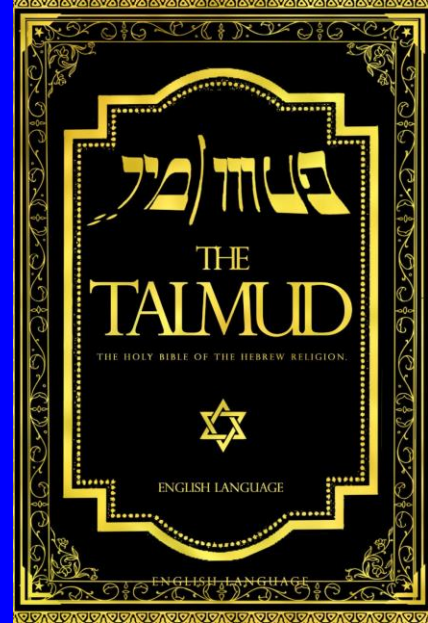
*42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching .. and **the prayers**. ... 43 ... and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ... 46 And day by day, **attending the temple together** 47 ... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

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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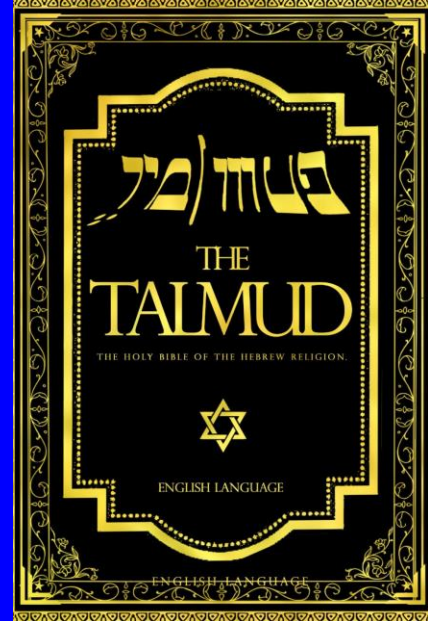
– recounts fascinating occurrences from ~ 30 - 70 AD.

- 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)



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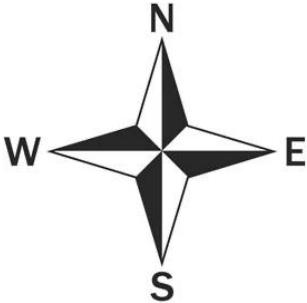
Even "secular" historians of the time recorded some of these events

- **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**’

Jerusalem of Jesus



View of Temple from Mt. of Olives



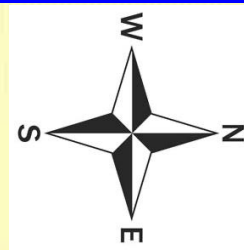
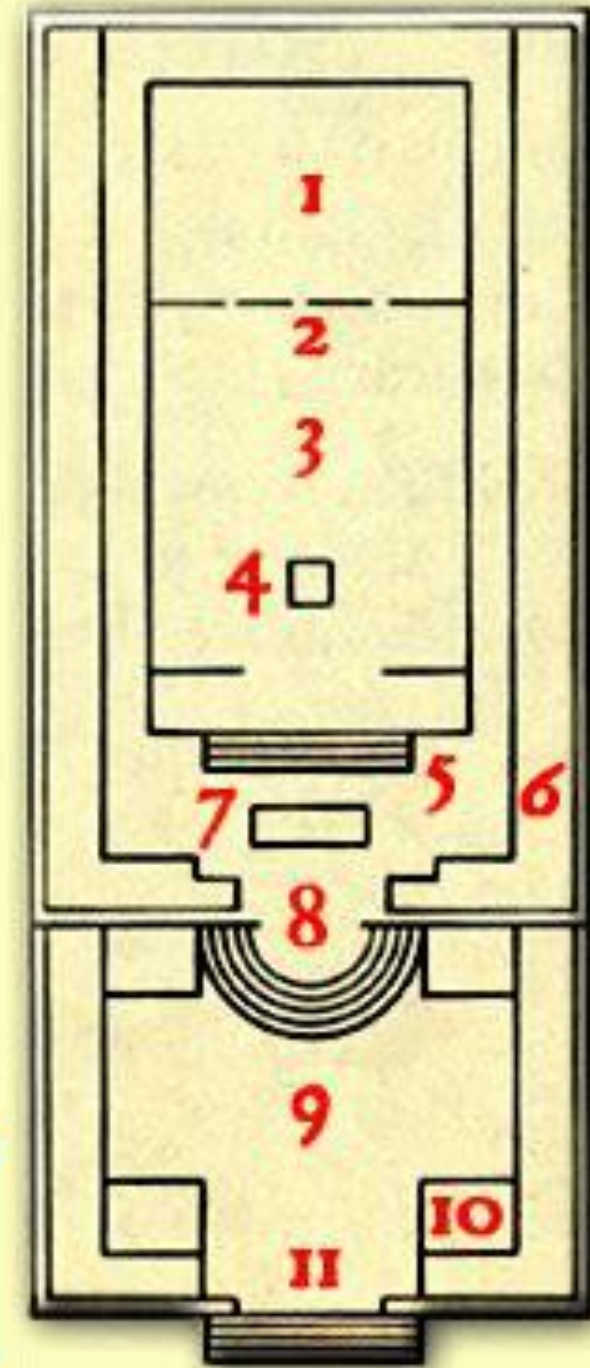
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12. Court of Gentiles
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14. Royal Porticos
15. Western Wall

Jerusalem Temple¹⁵

Sketch after plan of Avi-Yonah's model.

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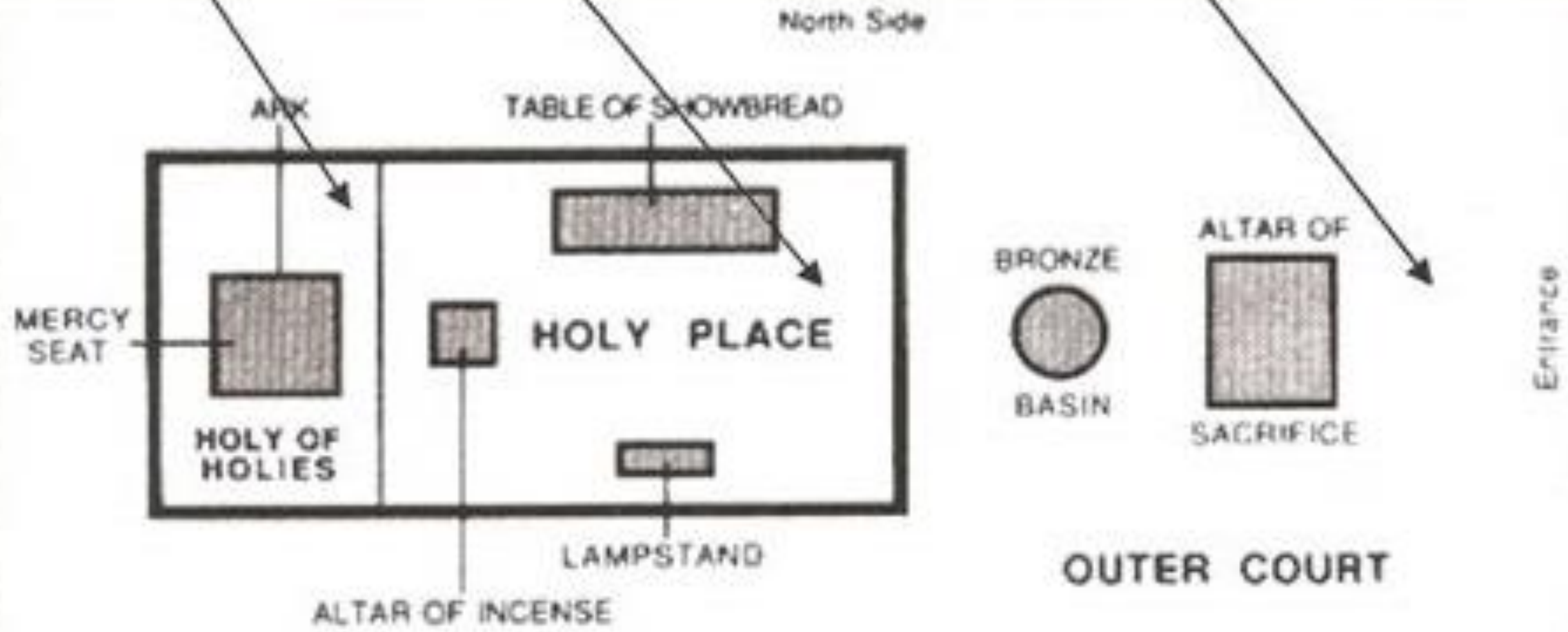
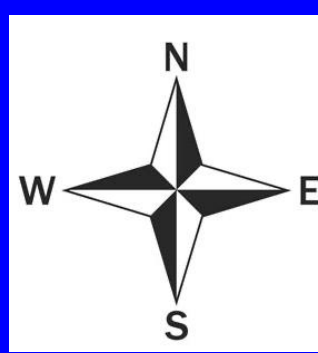


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1st C. Jerusalem Temple Mount Within the Court of Priests



“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



Gospel Consequences

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

- **‘Crimson Thread’**

- Leviticus 16:5,8-9,21—[On the Day of Atonement] *Aaron shall take from...Israel two male goats for a sin offering... Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats... Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord and use it as a sin offering [for the people]... Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel ... And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness...*
- The Babylonian Talmud says a **crimson thread** was tied to this “scapegoat”, which miraculously turned white **each year** in the wilderness, showing God had forgiven Israel’s sins.
- “*There was a crimson thread tied to the door of the sanctuary. When the goat had reached the wilderness, the thread would turn white...*” (Rabbi Ishmael, *Tractate Shabbat Folio 86a*)
- **However**, The Talmud says these miracles ceased after 30 AD.
- See: Hebrews 9:12



Gospel Consequences

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

- ***‘Lot for the Lord’***

- Each year on the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*), one goat was chosen as a sin offering “for the Lord” and the other to be the scapegoat sent into the wilderness.
- These two goats for the Day of Atonement were ***chosen by lot***
- The priest would reach both hands into an urn to select both a white stone and a black stone, for one to be placed on the head of each of the two goats.
- The people always hoped that the white stone (sin offering “for the Lord”) would be in the priest’s right hand.
- This happened about half the time, as one might expect.
- ***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.

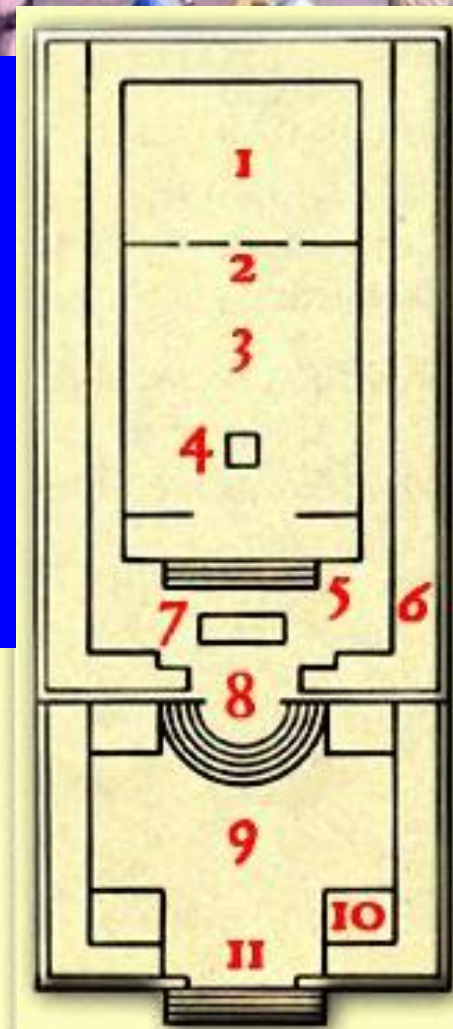


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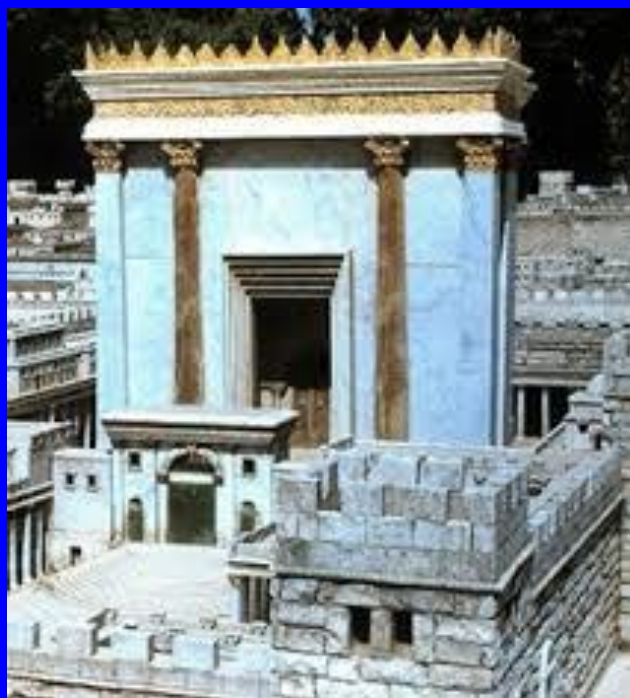
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- Per Josephus, these Doors were 82’ tall, 24’ wide each, made of cedar, over-laid with gold.
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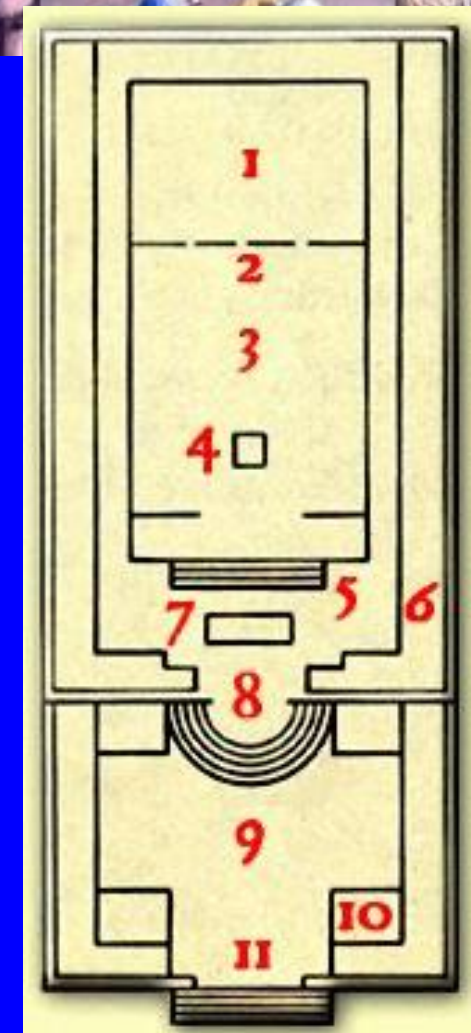


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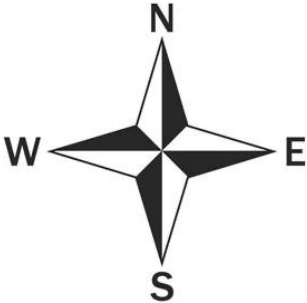
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- **However**, beginning ~ 30 AD, every night these Doors swung open on their own.
- Both the Jerusalem Talmud & Babylonian Talmud speak of this and say the Rabbis interpreted this as a sign the Temple would soon be destroyed.
- There’s also indication that the Doors of the successive eastern gates leading out of the Temple complex did the same.



Jerusalem of Jesus



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Garden of Gethsemane

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Gospel Consequences

Ascension Day

- Acts 1:8-12

“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

- 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



Gospel Consequences

Ezekiel 43 & 44—(considered by Jews to be Messianic prophecy)

44:1-2—*Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east. And it was shut. ² And the LORD said to me, “This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered by it. Therefore it shall remain shut.*

43:1-7—(speaking of a future event, as if it were in the past:)

Then he led me to ... the gate facing east. ² And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory. ... ⁴ As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵ the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ⁶ While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple, ⁷ and he said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel forever....”

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- In 1517, Sultan Suleiman (pictured here:) conquered Jerusalem. Because he feared the future Messiah coming and fulfilling this prophecy from Ezekiel 43, and in order to preclude it, he bricked up the East Gate
- Below is the East Gate today, as seen when standing on the Mount of Olives ...
- Unlike in Jesus' day, since 1517 it has been built to remain shut



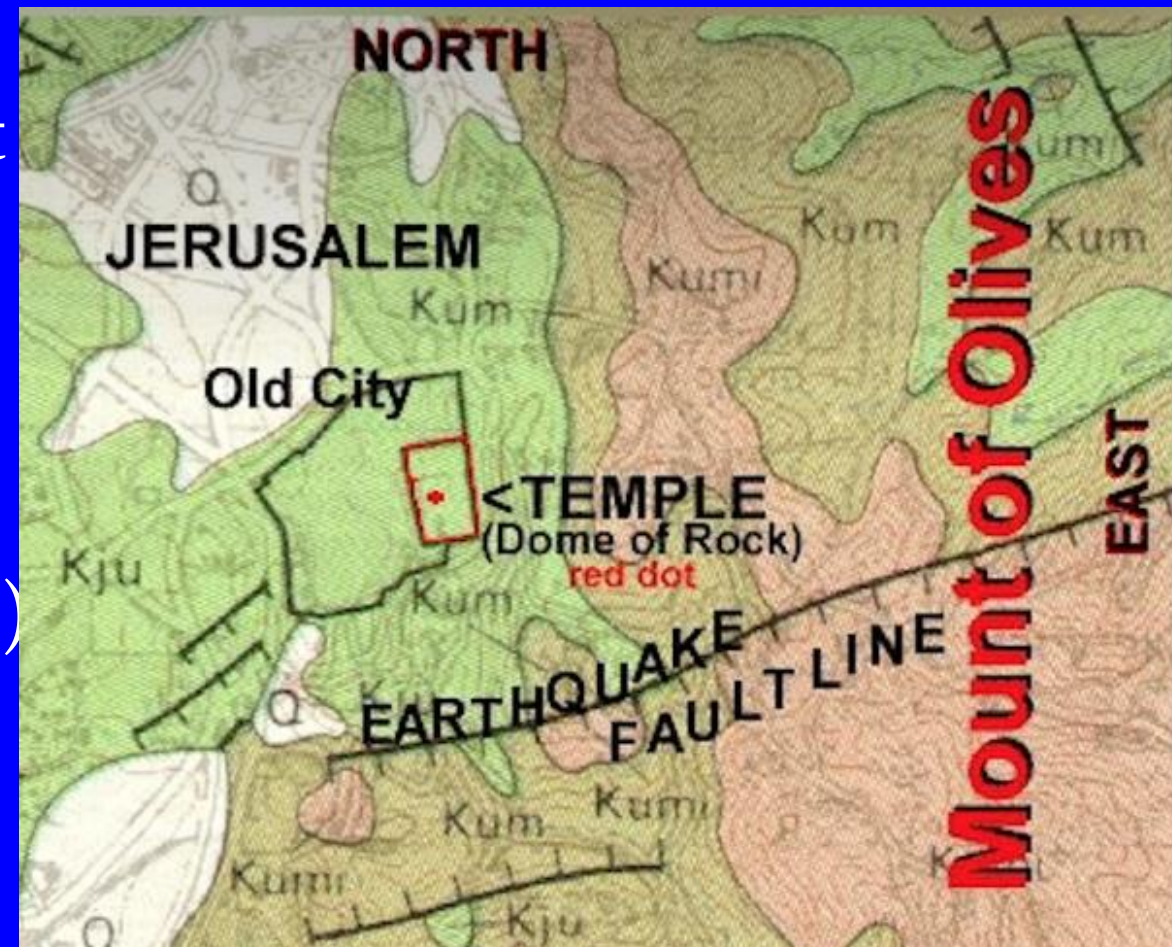
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- Zachariah 14.4—(speaking of the Coming Day of the Lord:)
On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.
- 1964
Jews wanted to build a hotel on top of the Mount of Olives, but first they had to get a geological survey. ... Its findings killed the project because it showed an earthquake fault-line running east to west, underneath the Mount of Olives, towards the East Gate.
- Heb 12:26—*Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.* (Mt 24:29; Haggai 2:6)
- This will open a pathway for Jesus to proceed directly to the Temple Mount (Ezek 43 & Zach 14:4)



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- Acts 2:1,4, 42, 46—*When the day of Pentecost arrived ... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... And they devoted themselves to ... **the prayers**. And day by day, **attending the temple together** and breaking bread in their homes...*
- The early Messianic Christians continued faithfully the biblical Jewish practices and feasts they had always followed
- How might these ongoing Jewish practices have served to **affirm** in them **Gospel Convictions?**



Gospel Clues, Consequences & Convictions

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- *“Shabbat shalom”* = may you have rest, wholeness, harmony, completeness ... in your self ... relationships ... world

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 - Looks back: a Memorial of rescue from slavery in Egypt
 - Looks forward: a Sign of Christ’s saving work on the Cross
 - Continues: for perpetual spiritual nourishment, a feast with Him & feeding on Him, his body and blood
 - In the same season that Passover lambs were giving their lives yet another year to atone for peoples’ sins, Christ lays down his life once for all, to deliver us from death

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 - Leaven often symbolized sin (1 Cor 5), which spreads and overwhelms like yeast
 - Galatians 5.9—*a little leaven leavens the whole lump*
 - Christ is our **Unleavened** Bread of Life, who sacrificed his sinless body and gave us his life *of sincerity & truth*

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Prayer