

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow of orange and yellow across the sky. The foreground is filled with tall, dark grasses, some of which are in focus, creating a sense of depth. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

No Condemnation for Those Who Believe

John 7:53-John 8:11

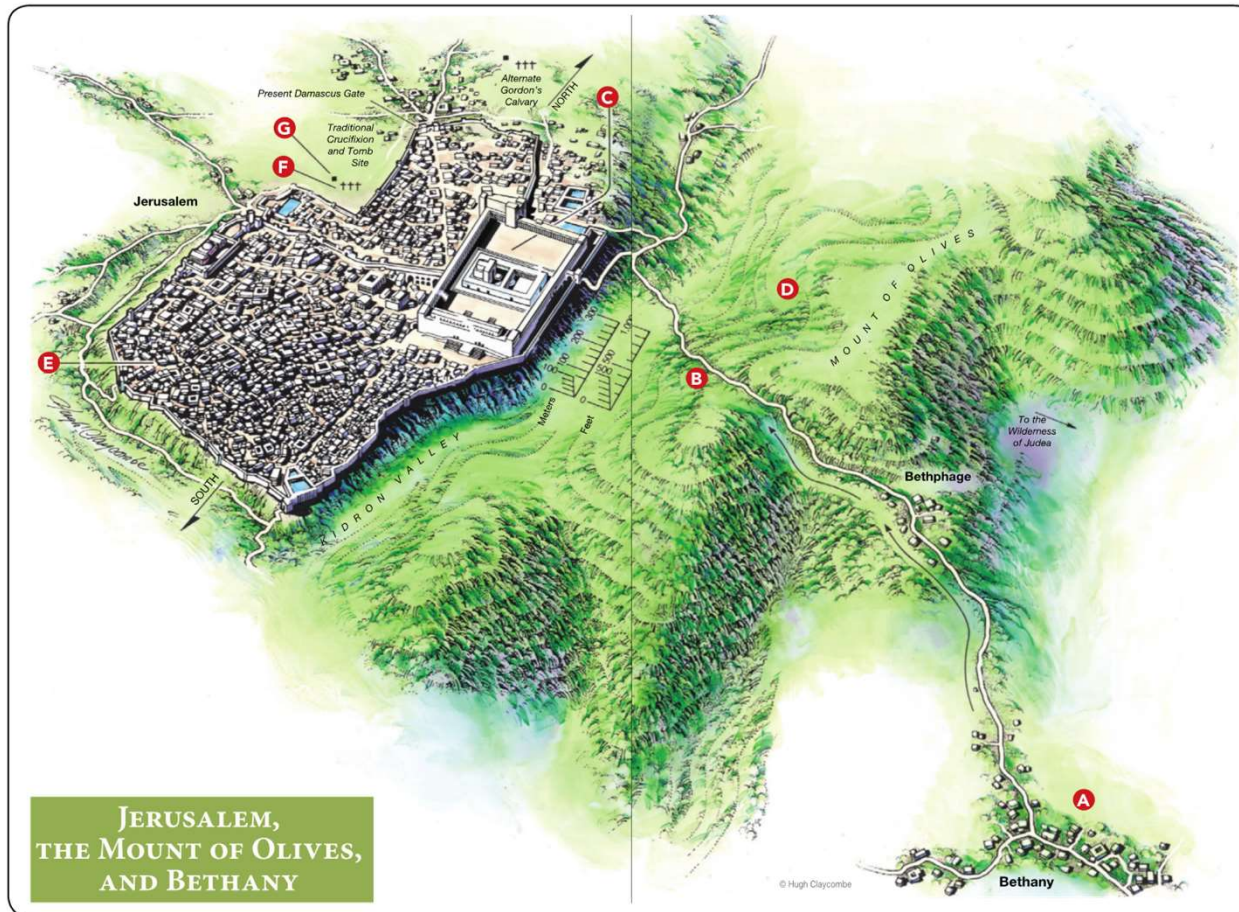
Geographical Context: Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, the Temple

John 7:53- John 8:1-2

⁵³ They went each to his
own house,

^{8:1} but Jesus went to the
Mount of Olives. ² Early
in the morning he came
again to the temple. All
the people came to
him, and he sat down
and taught them.





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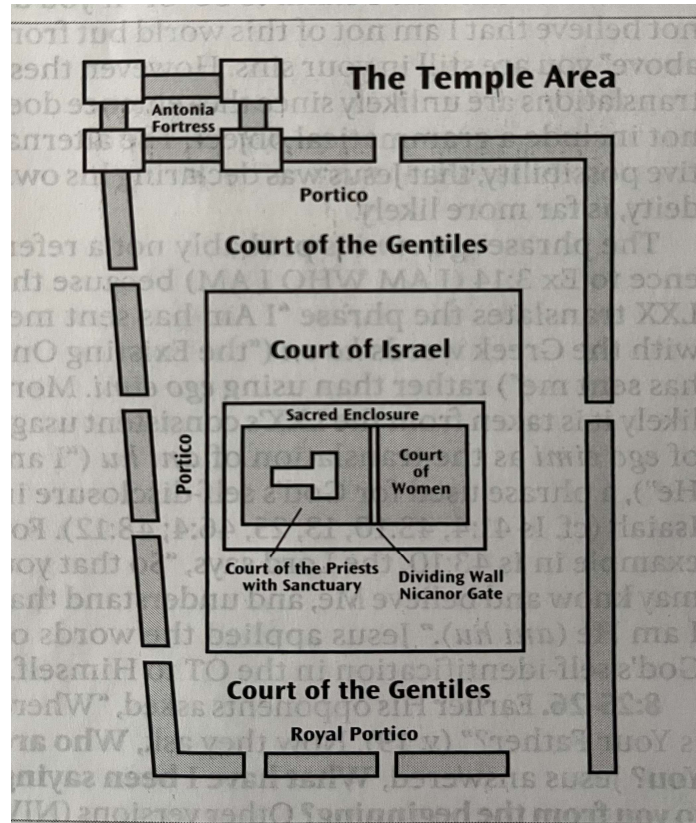
Gethsemane

John 18:2

Now Judas who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples.



The Temple in Jesus' Day



Religious Context: The Mosaic Law

John 8:3-6a

*³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and placing her in the midst ⁴they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶This they said to **test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him.***

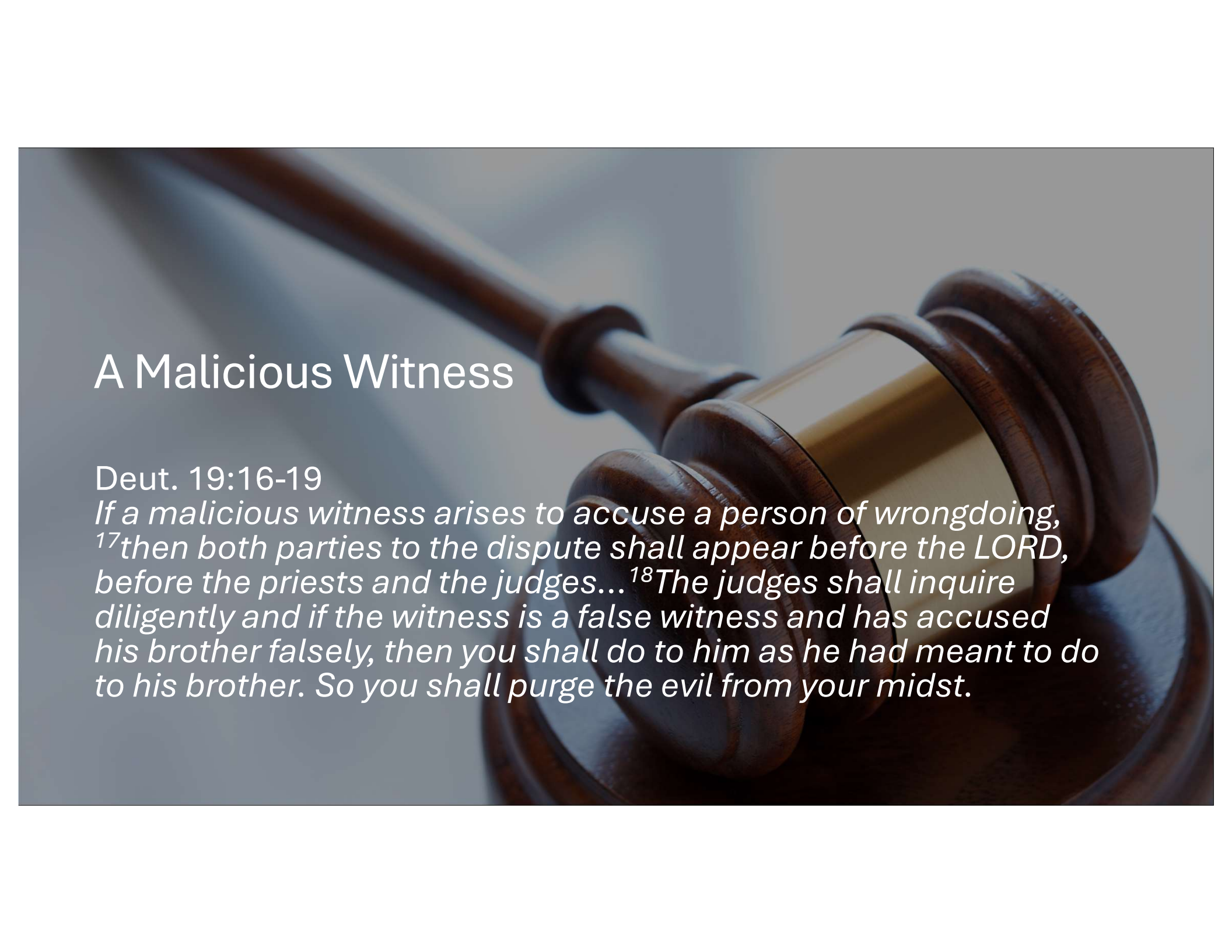


Witnesses

Deut. 17:6-7

⁶On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. ⁷The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.





A Malicious Witness

Deut. 19:16-19

*If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing,
17then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD,
before the priests and the judges... 18The judges shall inquire
diligently and if the witness is a false witness and has accused
his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do
to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.*

A Brilliant Response!

John 8:6b-9

*Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.
7And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman where she was in the center of the court.*

GOSPEL Context

John 8:10-11a

*¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one **condemned** you?” ¹¹She said, “No one, **Lord.**”*

Condemn: to judge worthy of punishment

Lord: supreme in authority; by implication, Master (as a respectful title):-God, Lord, master, Sir. He to whom the person or thing belongs; the owner. Title given to God, the Messiah.

GOSPEL Context

John 8:11b

And Jesus said,
“Neither do I condemn
you; go and sin no
more.”



The Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him for **he dwells with you** and will be in you.

Sanctification

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are *in* Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.