

JESUS BEHAVING *BADLY*

(Mark 11.12-21)

Central Idea: *Our Lord's condemning of the tree and cleansing of the temple were both symbolic acts that illustrated the sad spiritual condition of the nation of Israel and possibly of our own lives today.*

I. The Cursing of the Fig Tree (12-14, 20-21)

A. The narrative

B. Some observations

II. The Cleansing of the Temple (15-19)

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FOR INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Can you think of other times in Jesus' life when His actions seem strange or inappropriate?
2. What was your first reaction to the cursing of the fig tree? How does it differ from other miracles Jesus performed?
3. What do both the cursing of the fig tree and the cleansing of the temple tell us about Jesus' attitude toward the spiritual condition of the people of Israel?
4. These things took place in the court of the Gentiles where Gentiles could come to worship God. Certainly, the buying and selling going on hindered that. What sort of practices in the church today hinder unbelievers from coming to know Christ?
5. Both the fig tree and the temple looked beautiful but bore no fruit. Ask God to show you one specific area of your life which may appear spiritually vibrant but lacks maturity.

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THE GOSPEL OF

MARK

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He went out to Bethany with the Twelve



Location of
the temple

Augusta
Victoria

R.O. Church
of Ascension

City of David

Bethphage

Bethany

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When He came to it He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs



Early figs on tree

As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots



Fig trees with and without leaves near Aijalon Valley

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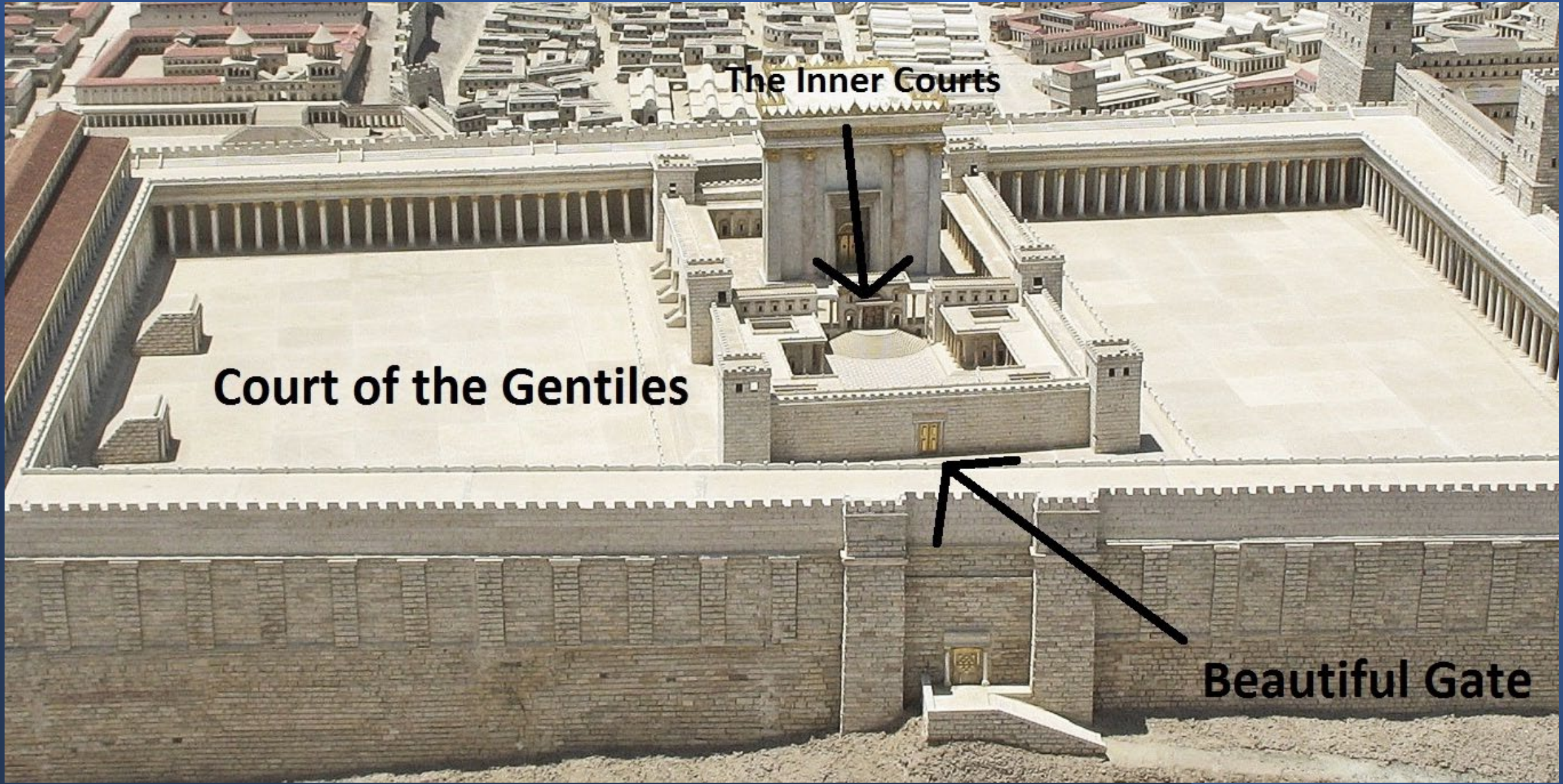
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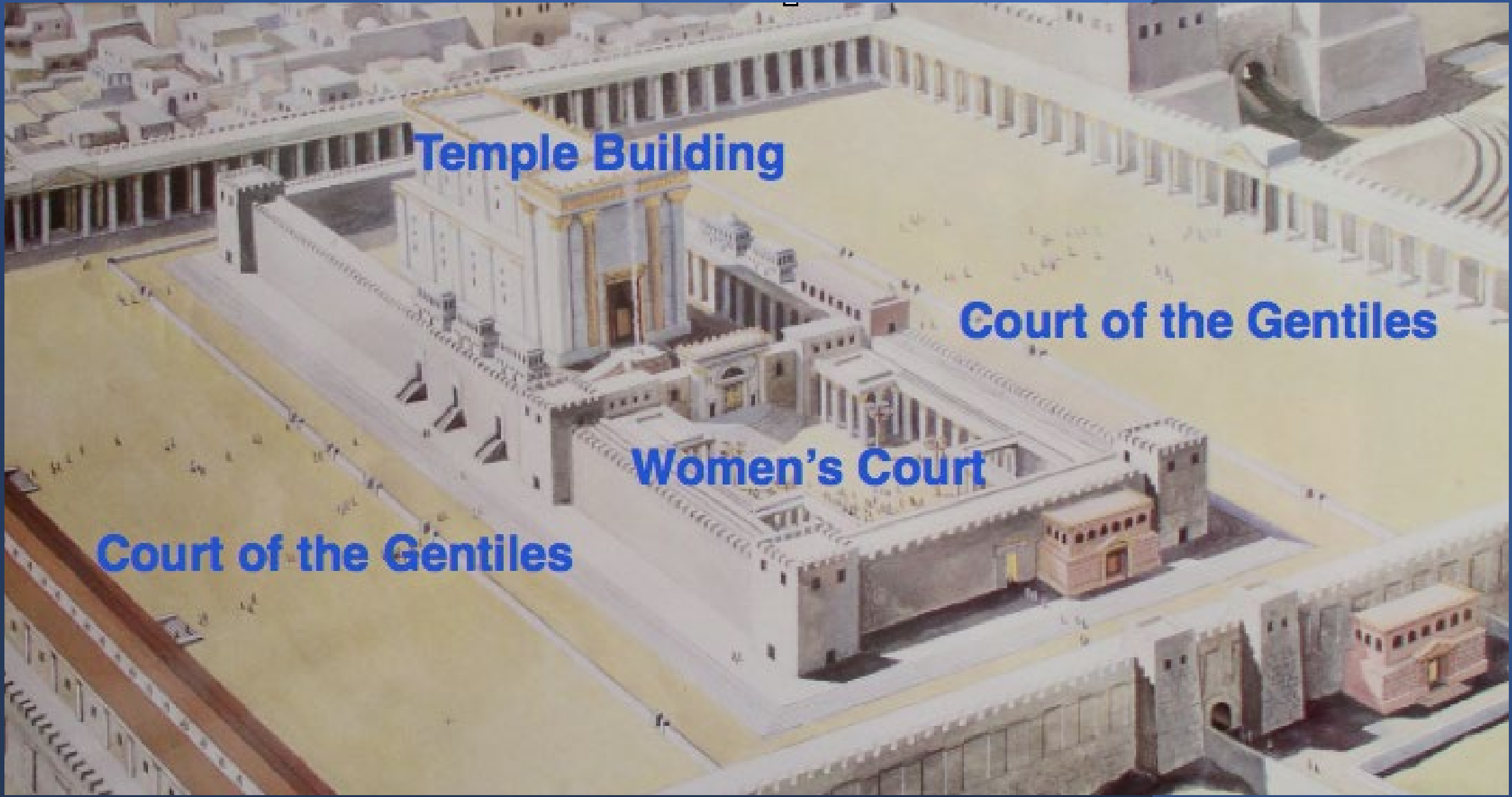
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The Inner Courts

Court of the Gentiles

Beautiful Gate



Temple Building

Court of the Gentiles

Women's Court

Court of the Gentiles

He overthrew the tables of the moneychangers



Tyrian shekels, from Gamla

He overthrew the tables of the moneychangers



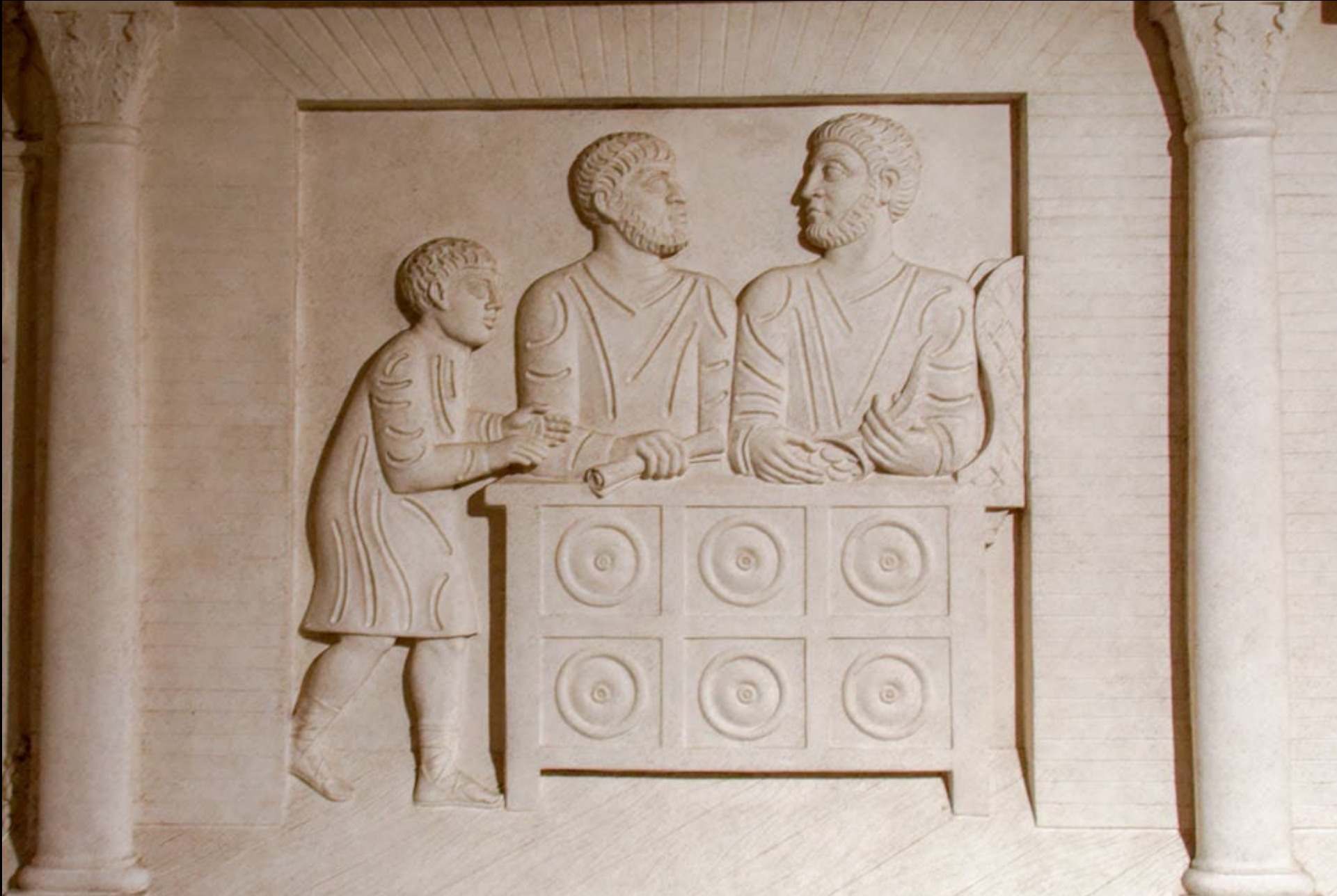
Money changer and servant counting daily income, 3rd century AD

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Relief of money exchange scene

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