



Lessons From the...
Holy Lands

Lesson 10

Pool of Bethesda, Burnt House, Broad Wall,
Convent of Sisters of Zion, Via Dolorosa,
Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Garden Tomb

Pool of Bethesda



John 5:1-17

Pool of Bethesda



- ✧ This was excavated in the 19th century, and was the site of Jesus healing of the invalid in John 5:1-17
- ✧ John gives details about Bethesda that it was near the “sheep gate” and had a “five roofed colonnade. This would have placed it north of the temple and outside the city walls during the time of Jesus.
- ✧ Bethesda was two pools (North / South) and in between those are the remains of two different churches that have been built on the same site over the centuries.





















Burnt House



Matthew 24; John 19:34

Burnt House (Beit Katros)



- ✧ In the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem
- ✧ This is a museum dedicated to the excavation of the charred remains of a house from the first century AD.
- ✧ It was likely burned down when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70.
- ✧ The house was excavated in 1970, and it was found in the upper city where the temple priests would have resided during this period.
- ✧ Inside the house, they have found burned rocks and charred beams, a charred Roman spearhead made of iron, and lots of pottery and other vessels.







משקולת אבן ועליה כתובת:
"בר (דבר) קתרוס" ("של בן-קתרוס")
Stone Weight: inscribed "[de] Bar-Kathros"
(Belonging to the Son of Kathros)



חנית ברזל
Iron Spear



Broad Wall



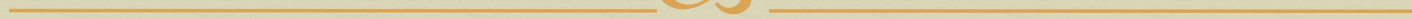
Broad Wall



- ❧ A piece of the wall that remains from the 1st temple period. It is in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City
- ❧ The wall was excavated in 1970 and dated to the time of King Hezekiah in late 8th century BC.
- ❧ The length of wall fragment is 65 meters long and is preserved in places to a height of 3.3 meters. It is 7 feet thick.



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Via Dolorosa The Way of the Cross



Matt 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 18:28–19:42

Via Dolorosa

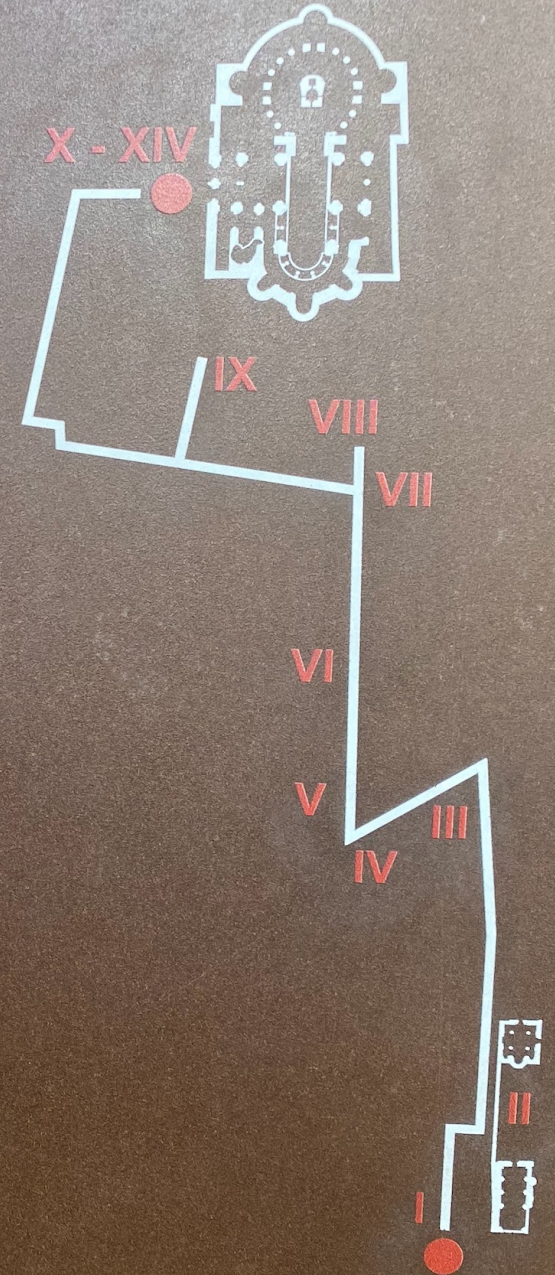


- ✧ It is the traditional path that Jesus took, forced by the Roman soldiers, on the way to his crucifixion.
- ✧ The winding route goes from the traditional site of the former Antonia Fortress to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre — about 2,000 feet.
- ✧ The current route has been established since the 18th century, replacing various earlier versions.
- ✧ It is today marked by nine Stations of the Cross; there have been fourteen stations since the late 15th century, with the remaining five stations being inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.





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| الحُكْم على يسوع بالموت
ישוע נידון למוות | I | Jesus is condemned to death
Gesù è condannato a morte |
| يسوع يحمل صليبه
ישוע נושא את הצלב | II | Jesus carries his Cross
Gesù è caricato della croce |
| يسوع يقع للمرة الأولى
ישוע נופל בפעם הראשונה | III | Jesus falls for the first time
Gesù cade per la prima volta |
| يسوع يلاقي أمه الكئيبة
ישוע פוגש את אמו מרים | IV | Jesus meets his mother, Mary
Gesù incontra Maria sua madre |
| سمعان القيروانيّ يساعد على حمل الصليب
שמעון מקירנה עוזר לשאת את הצלב | V | Simon of Cyrene helps carry the Cross
Il Cireneo aiuta a portare la croce |
| فيرونيكّا تمسح وجه يسوع بمنديل
ורוניקה מנגבת את פניו של ישוע | VI | Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
La Veronica asciuga il volto a Gesù |
| يسوع يسقط أرضاً للمرة الثانية
ישוע נופל בפעם השנייה | VII | Jesus falls for the second time
Gesù cade per la seconda volta |
| يسوع يلاقي النساء القديسات
ישוע פוגש את הנשים הצדקניות | VIII | Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
Gesù incontra le pie donne |
| يسوع يقع للمرة الثالثة
ישוע נופל בפעם השלישית | IX | Jesus falls for the third time
Gesù cade per la terza volta |
| يسوع يُعْرَى من ثيابه ويُسقى خلًا ومرارة
מפשיטים את ישוע מבגדיו | X | Jesus is stripped of his garments
Gesù è spogliato |
| يسوع يُسَمَّر على الصليب
מסמרים את ישוע לצלב | XI | Jesus is nailed to the Cross
Gesù è inchiodato in croce |
| يسوع يُسَلَّم الروح على الصليب
ישוע מת על הצלב | XII | Jesus dies on the Cross
Gesù muore sulla croce |
| يسوع يُنَزَل عن الصليب
מורידים את ישוע מהצלב | XIII | Jesus is taken down from the Cross
Gesù è deposto dalla croce |
| يسوع يوضع في القبر
ישוע נקבר | XIV | Jesus is buried
Gesù è sepolto |









Church of the Holy Sepulchre



Matt 27:33, 51, 57-28:10; Mark 15:22, 42-16:8;
Luke 23:50-24:12; John 19:17, 38-20:10

Holy Sepulchre



- ✧ The structure on this site has been built and rebuilt several times from 335 AD to 1048 AD, and through modern times.
- ✧ From traditions dating back to at least the fourth century, this is the site of Golgotha (Matt 27:33; Mark 15:22; John 19:17) and Jesus's empty tomb (Matt 27:57-28:10; Mark 15:42-16:8; Luke 23:50-24:12; John 19:38-20:10).
- ✧ The tomb is enclosed by a 19th-century shrine called the Aedicula.
- ✧ The Status Quo, an understanding between religious communities dating to 1757, applies to the site.

Holy Sepulchre



- ✧ As example of Status Quo, there is wooden ladder that has been propped up on the outside of the facade since 1728. The ladder is referred to as “immovable” due to the agreement of the Status Quo that no cleric of the six Christian orders may move, rearrange, or alter any property without the consent of the other five orders.
- ✧ The main denominations sharing property over parts of the church are the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Apostolic, and to a lesser degree the Coptic Orthodox, Syriac Orthodox and Ethiopian Orthodox.

HOLY SEPULCHRE



































The Garden Tomb



Matt 27:57-28:10; Mark 15:42-16:8;
Luke 23:50-24:12; John 19:38-20:10

The Garden Tomb



- ✧ On this site in the late 1800s was discovered a tomb from the time of Jesus.
- ✧ The site was established due to doubts about whether or not the tomb under the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was the true burial place of Christ since it was inside the city walls.
- ✧ However, it was determined later that the location of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre would have been outside the walls of Jerusalem as they stood in the time of Jesus.
- ✧ Whether or not it is the actual tomb of Jesus it is a great visual aid for understanding the biblical account of the burial and resurrection (Matt 27:57-28:10; Mark 15:42-16:8; Luke 23:50-24:12; John 19:38-20:10), because this tomb has features that line up with description in scripture.











