

Food for Thought

For the week of March 29, 2009

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)



FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL
Message #33
John 18:1-40

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Jesus' Arrest & Trial

Peter really wanted to help Jesus in John 18:10. So he "helps" by cutting someone's ear off. This neither helped nor pleased Jesus.

Have you ever done something wrong while trying to do some good for the Lord? In other words, have you ever tried to protect or defend God in a wrong way; in a way that was deifying Him?

St. John didn't include the trial before Caiaphas the high priest (maybe because the other Gospel records already do).

Look up the following verses to familiarize yourself with this part of the trial.

☀ Matthew 26:57-68

☀ Mark 14:53-65

☀ Luke 22:54,63-65

As we near Easter, take time to reflect in the following question.

How does Barabbas' freedom at Christ's expense illustrate the whole point of the gospel?

JESUS GETS ARRESTED

John 18:1-11; 2 Corinthians 4:8-10

God sometimes chooses **hard things** for you.

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. - 2 Cor 4:8-10

JESUS DEFIES ANNAS

John 18:12-27; Matthew 5:39

Annas begins this interrogation on a totally **illegal** basis.

*To turn the other cheek means to stand on your rights, but without becoming **angry** or **striking** back.*

JESUS DEFIES PILATE

John 18:28-40; Luke 23:6-12, 13-19, 24-25; Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15

- Jesus didn't die by the Jewish method of stoning [see: *Leviticus 24:16*]
- But the Roman method of crucifixion [see: *Num.12:8-9; John 3:14, 8:28, 12:32*]
- **Psalm 22 describes His death very clearly**

Pilate was **cynical**. Like one who's tried to find a way out of his troubles, but has lost all confidence in **religion**.

Barabbas serves as a **reminder to each one of us**

- *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God - Romans 3:23*
- *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord - Rom. 6:23*
- *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. - Rom. 5:6*
- *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us - Rom. 5:8*

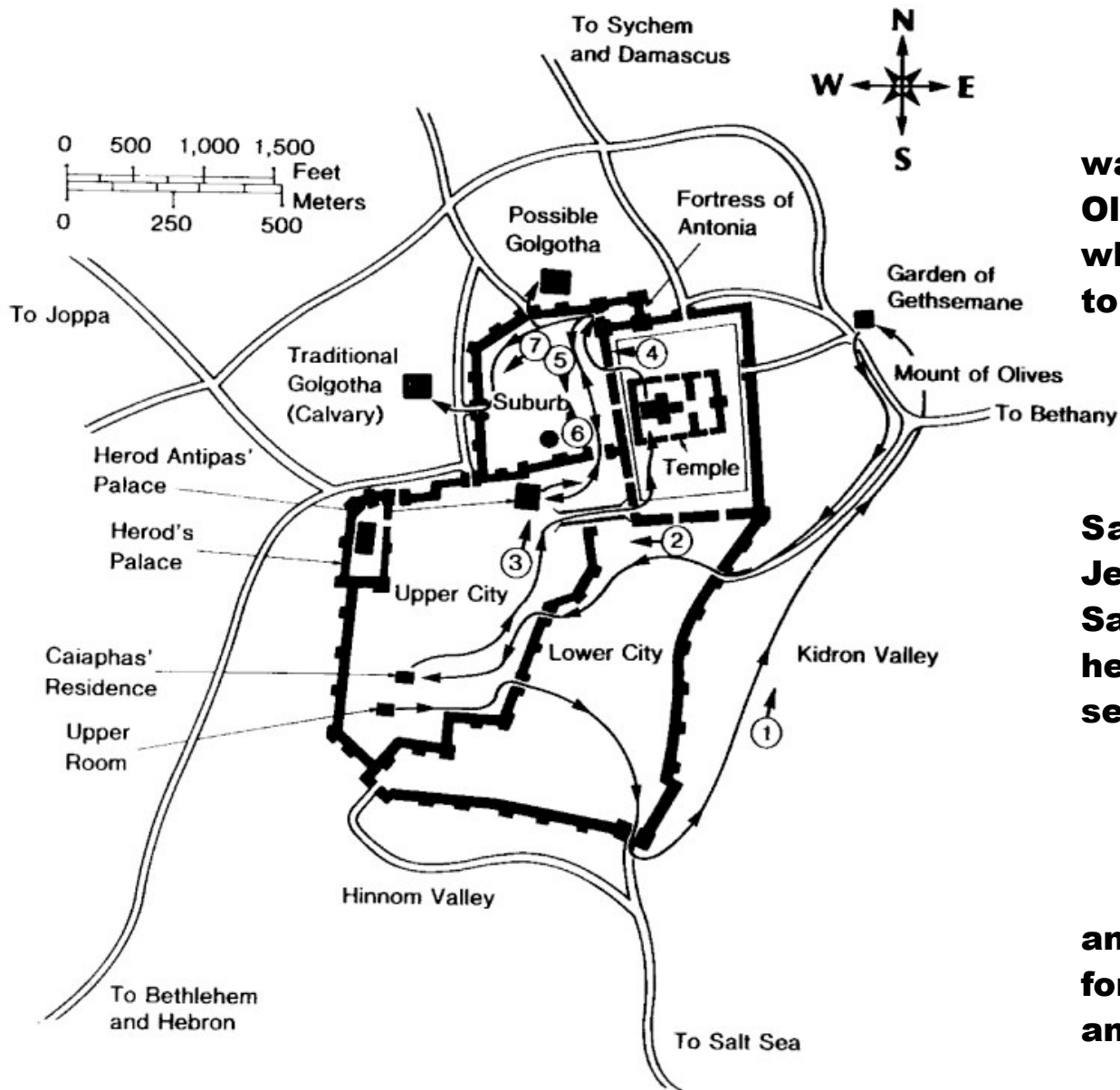
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Next week: "Peter's Denial" John 18

Jesus' Arrest & Trial



Jesus left Upper Room and walked with disciples to Mount of Olives and Garden of Gethsemane (1), where he was arrested and taken first to Annas and then to Caiaphas (2).

After first trial before political Sanhedrin at Caiaphas' residence, Jesus was tried again before religious Sanhedrin, probably at Temple (3) Next, he was taken to Pontius Pilate (4), who sent him to Herod Antipas (5).

Herod returned Jesus to Pilate (6), and Pilate finally handed over Jesus for scourging at Fortress of Antonia and for crucifixion at Golgotha (7).