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***The great liberation of  
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Part I***

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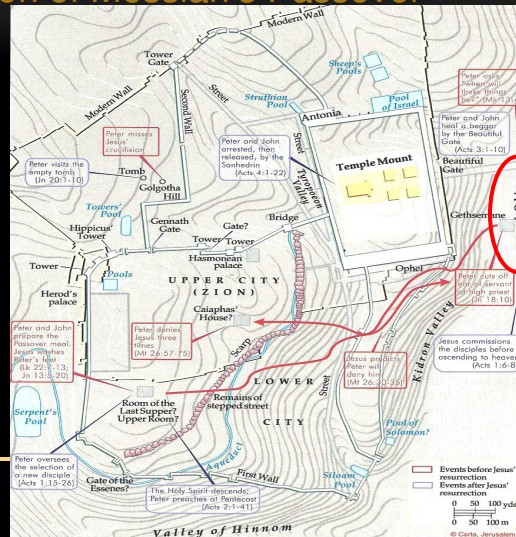
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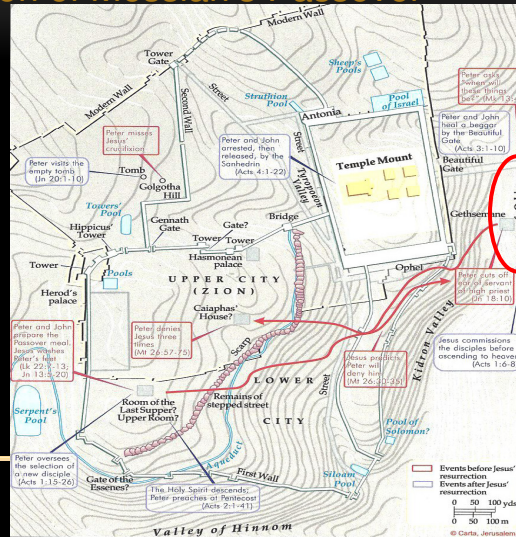
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- *& Jesus chooses for His death the Festival of Passover*

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  - 2) *Acknowledged as King of the Jews by the Romans themselves*
  - 3) *The same One who announced God's Kingdom arrival by His arrival*
  - 4) *Is now dying on Passover*
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[10] The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. [11] Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. [12] For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

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  - 2) *Liberation & Freedom*
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*II Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. [20] Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21] For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. [6:1] Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. [2] For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”*

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