

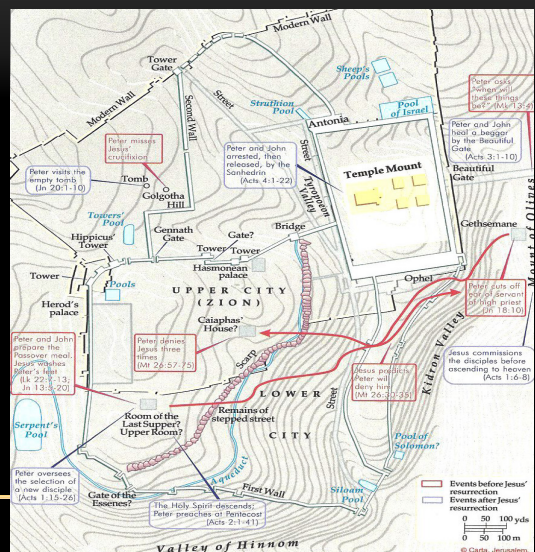
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4 short stories, & 4 things along the road with Jesus

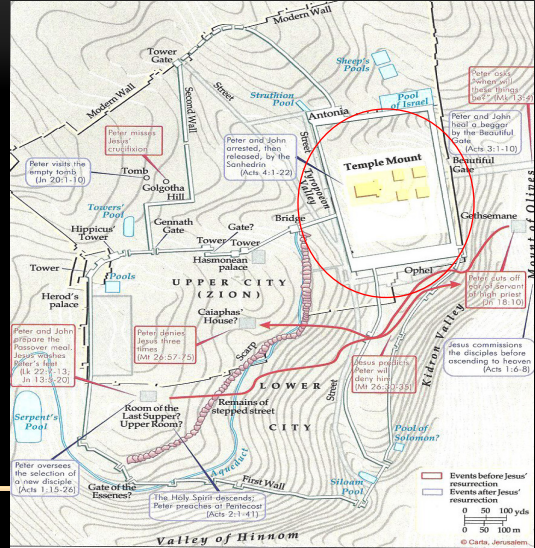


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Matt. 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven"



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Remorse vs. repentance

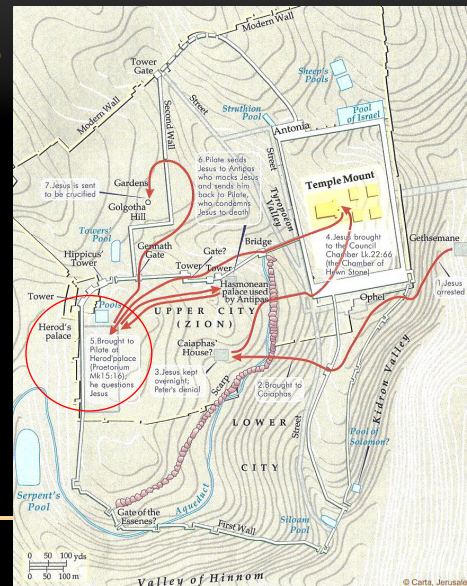
- They both start out the same, seeing something you've done & feeling terrible about it
 - But one goes down the canyon of anger, self-pity, self-hatred & ultimately self-destruction
 - The 2nd goes the way of Peter, to tears & an honest look inside & a way back to life
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All throughout Jesus is announced as innocent:

- *By Pilate as he washes his hands*
 - *By Pilate's wife*
 - *By the crowd, who when asked by Pilate, "Why" should he die, their only answer*
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Matthew wants us to see Jesus in His enthronement:

- Enthroned upon a cross as the great Servant & King & Messiah that would die for humanity - Suffering in the stead of humanity
 - Anointed as King by the Romans themselves
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Matt. 20:23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at My right hand and at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father."

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Recall the Sermon on the Mount:

➤ Matt. 5:39 *But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. (see Matt. 27:30)*

➤ Matt. 5:40 *And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. (see Matt. 27:28)*

➤ Matt. 5:4 *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

The soldiers use their right under Roman Law to compel someone to carry a burden for them

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Where we willingly see God’s burden & grab the cross beam & walk with it on behalf of others out of sheer gratitude

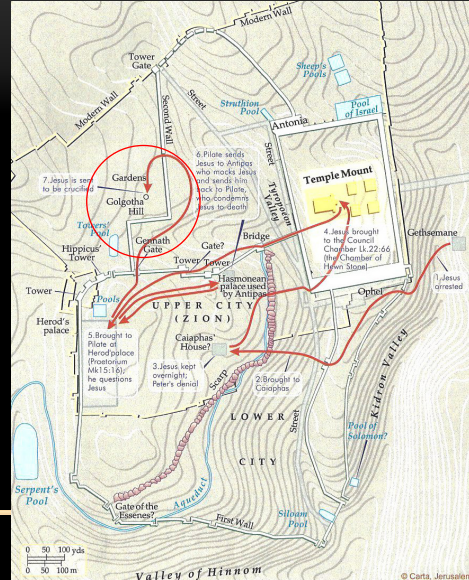


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*Part of the point is that Jesus is pioneering the way
through death to life*

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Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

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II Cor. 5:18 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.

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I Cor. 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. [10] We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. [11] To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, [12] and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; [13] when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.
