

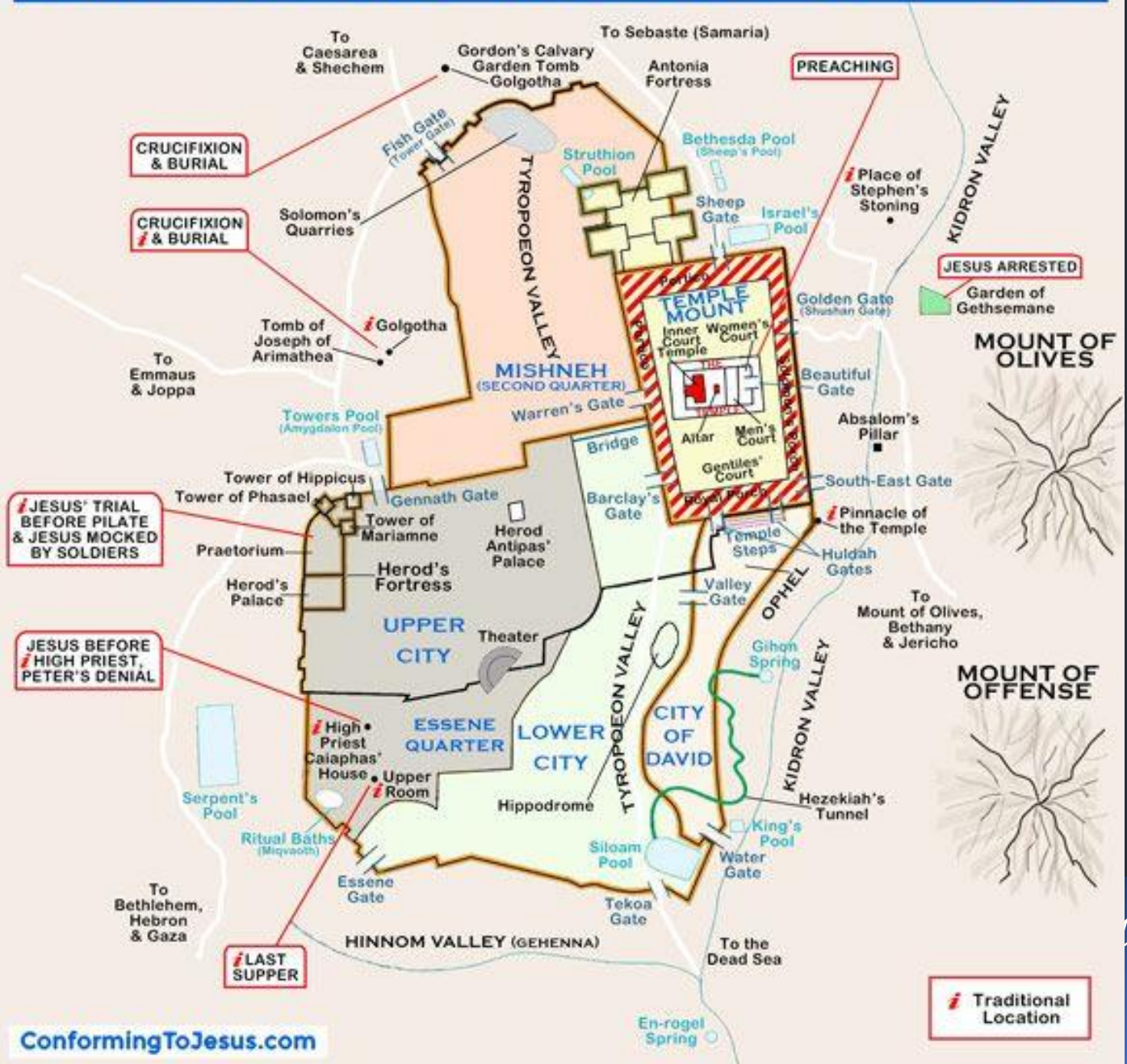
Jesus Arrest and Trial

John 18:1-19:16

- Things to Keep in Mind
 - John 10:17-18: Jesus in complete control
 - The contrast between Jesus and Peter
 - Jews want Jesus dead but cannot kill Him themselves
 - Pilate: “I find no guilt in this Man”
 - It is the Passover (Exodus 12)

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and that believing you may have life in His name.”*

JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS



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Jesus' Arrest

John 18:1-11

- The Scene
 - Passover
 - More than 2 million Jews in Jerusalem
 - Roman Governor in Jerusalem to keep control
 - Jesus goes to the place He went countless times
 - Armed battalion plus coming to arrest Jesus
 - Cohort (typically 600 men)
 - Officers from the Chief Priests and Pharisees
 - Armed with torches and weapons
- Middle of the Night

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Jesus Trial before the High Priest

John 18:12-27

- Trial before the High Priest
 - Annas
 - First High Priest appointed by Rome to the newly formed province of Judaea (AD 6)
 - Served as High Priest until AD 15
 - Powerful and Influential
 - Considered High Priest here and later (Acts 4:6)
 - Caiaphas
 - Annas Son-in-Law
 - Served from AD 26-36
 - John 11:47-50

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- Why the High Priest first?
 - Two separate legal systems
 - Rome allowed limited self-governance
 - 18:31 – “Judge Him according to your own law”
 - Only Roman Governor (Pilate) could execute criminals
 - 18:31 – “not permitted to put anyone to death”
 - Jews needed to be able to bring executable charge

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John 18:12-27

- The Contrast Between Jesus and Peter
 - “For this purpose I came to this hour” (12:27)
 - “My Kingdom is not of this world” (18:36)
- Jesus stands before the three most powerful men and denies nothing
- Peter stands before slaves and Romans and denies everything
 - Stays outside the court of the High Priest
 - Denies Jesus to a slave-girl
 - “Hangs out” with those who arrested Jesus
 - Denies Jesus a second and third time before them

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Jesus Trial before Pontius Pilate

John 18:28-19:16

- Who was Pontius Pilate?
 - Governor of Judaea
 - Head of the judicial system
 - Collected tributes and taxes, minted coins
 - Shared limited civil/religious power with Sanhedrin
 - Appointed the High Priest
 - Kept the peace
 - Hater of the Jews
 - Tension/violence with Jewish population
 - Was reported to Rome for how he ruled Jews

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- Pilate attempts to release Jesus
 - “I find no guilt in Him.” (three times)
 - “Take Him yourself and crucify Him.”
- Jewish leaders need Pilate to kill Jesus
 - They are afraid of the people (Matt. 21:46; Luke 20:19)
 - How were the Jews supposed to kill someone for blasphemy (Lev. 24:16)?
 - Jesus must be “lifted up”
- “We have no king but Caesar.”
- It was the day of preparation for the Passover (Ex.12:6)

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