Matthew Series
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The Public Humiliation of Jesus Matthew 27:31–35; Luke 23:26–33

Jesus' Six Trials

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Religious Trials
Before Annas — John 18:12–14
Before Caiaphas — Matthew 26:57–68
Before the Sanhedrin — Matthew 27:1–2
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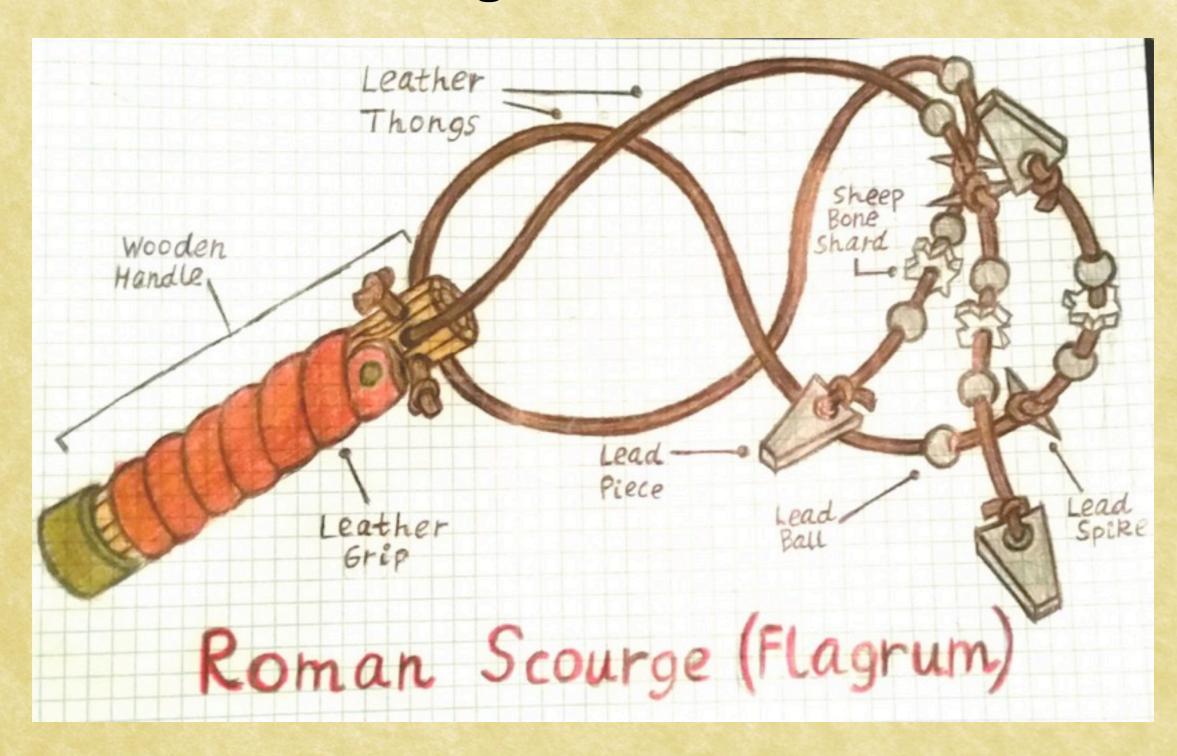
Criminal Trials

Before Pilate — John 18:28–38

Before Herod — Luke 23:6–12

Before Pilate — John 18:39–19:6

John 19:1, "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him."



John 19:2, "And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe;"



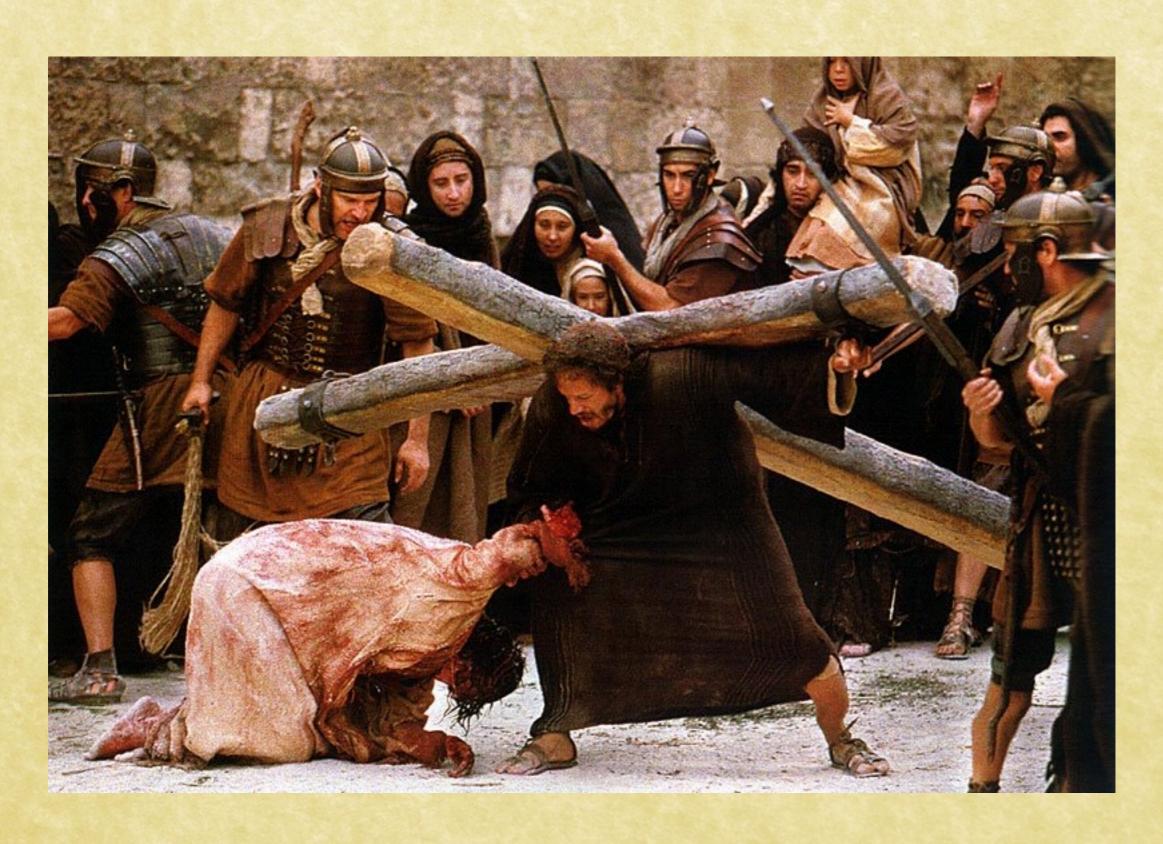
John 19:6, "Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, 'Crucify Him, crucify Him!' Pilate said to them, 'You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.'"

John 19:7, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

John 19:15, "But they cried out, 'Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!' Pilate said to them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar!'

John 19:16, "Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away."

1. Stages 1-5: The Procession to Golgotha

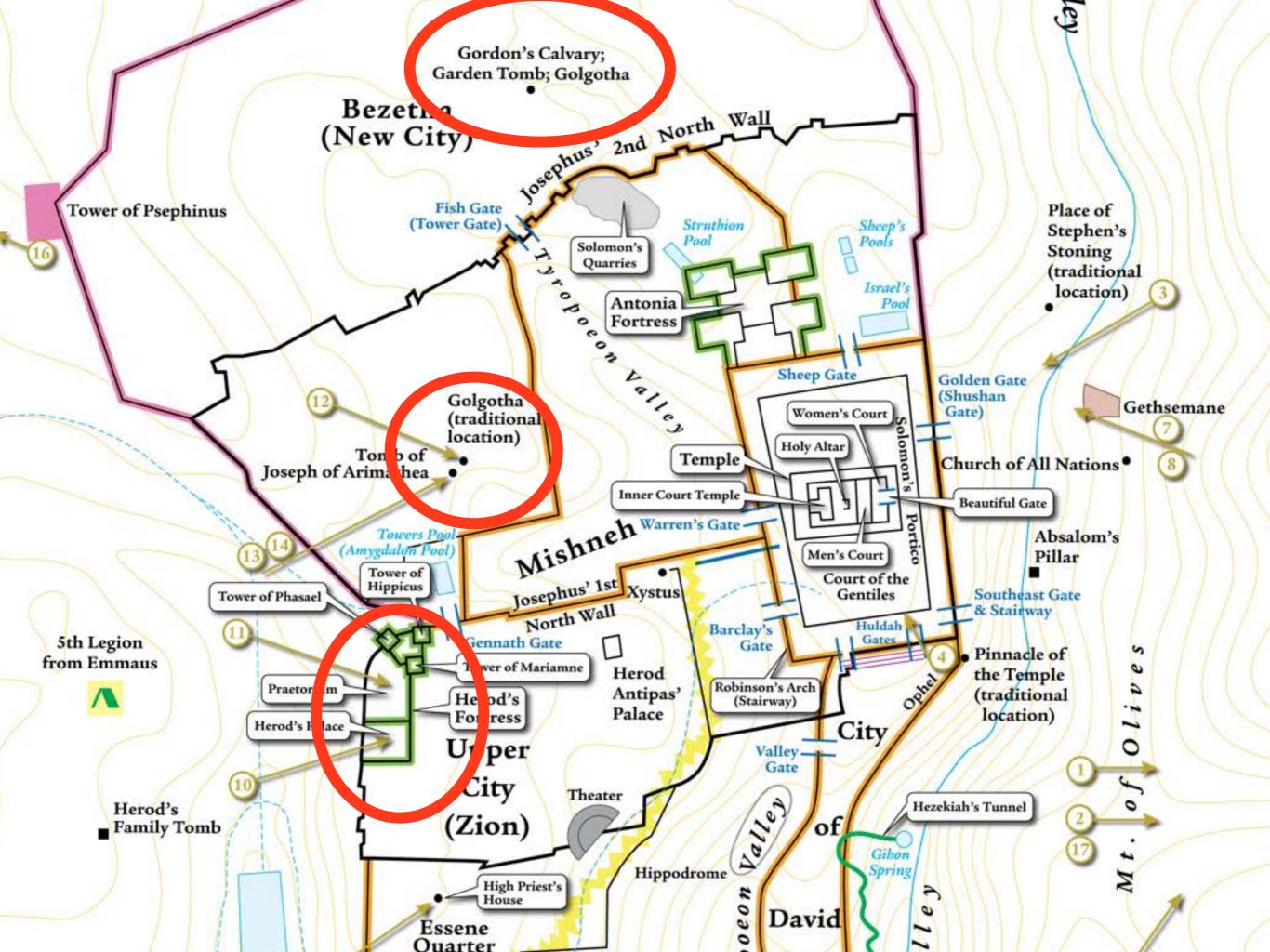


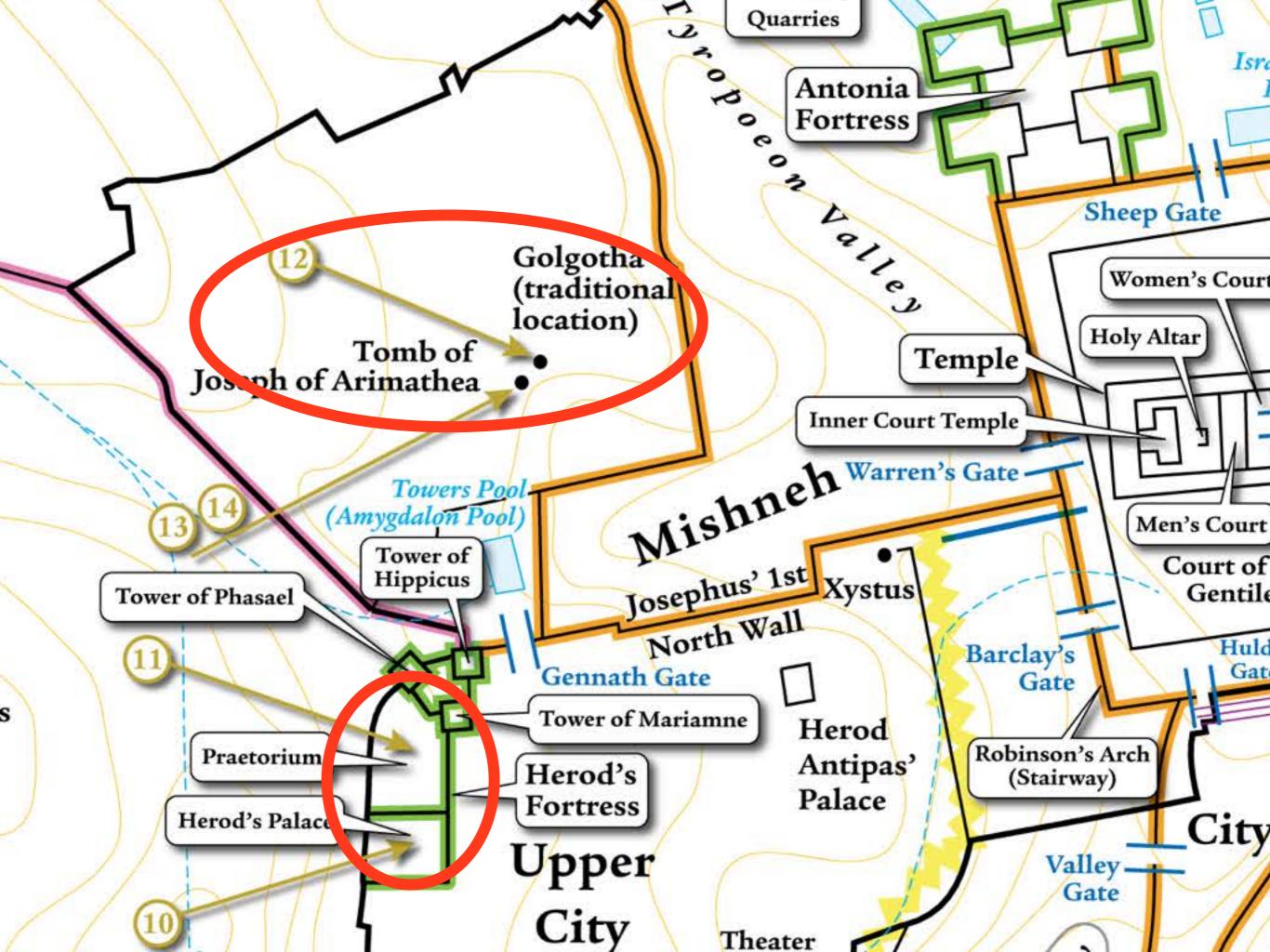
Stage 1. They lead Jesus out to crucify Him.

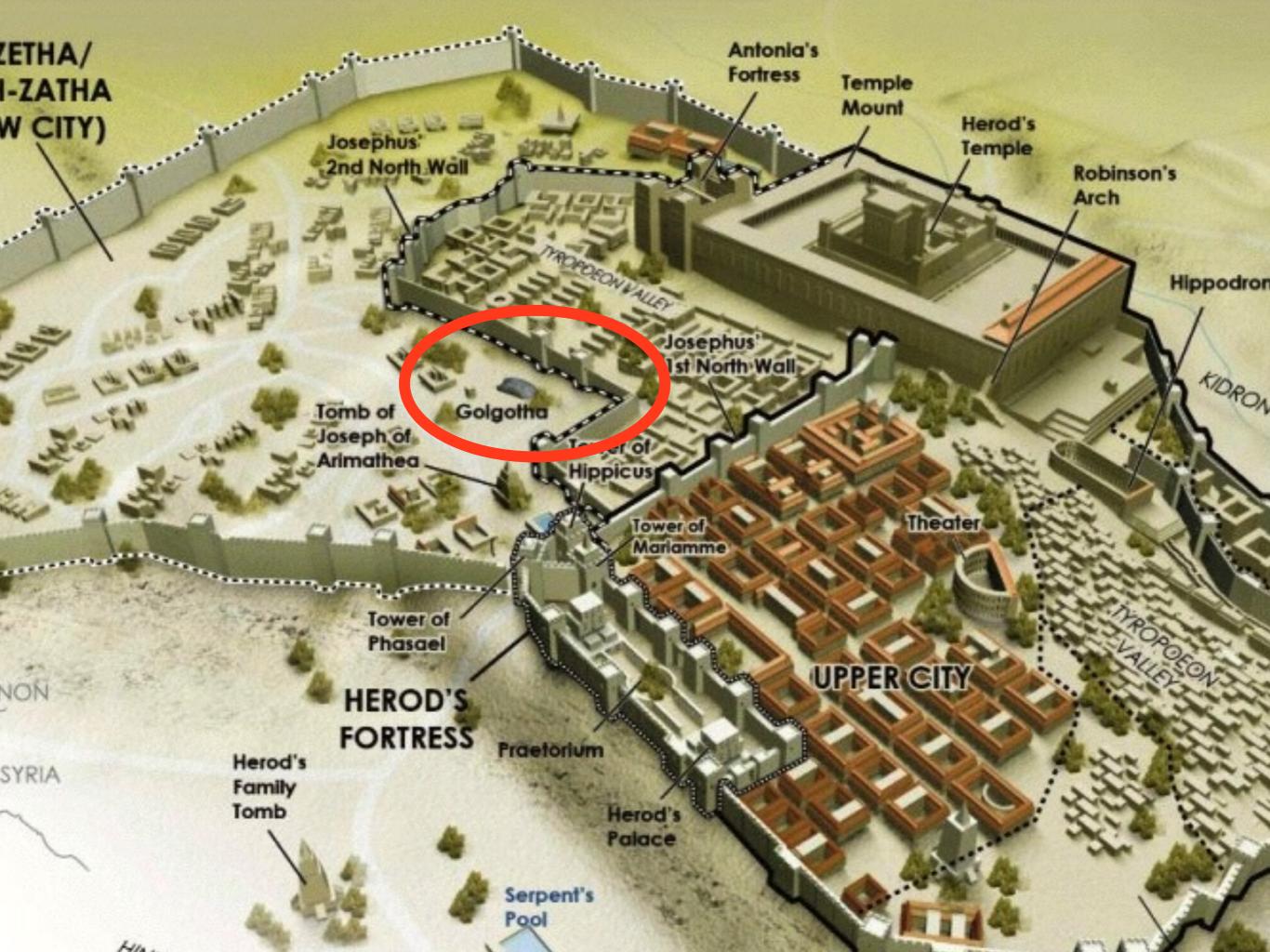
Matt. 27:31, "And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified."

Mark 15:20, "And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him."

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Extra-Biblical Sources Affirm Jesus' Crucifixion

Bock *Luke*, p. 1843

- 1. Mara bar Serapion (ca. A.D. 73);
- 2. Josephus, Antiquities 18.3.3 §64;
- 3. Agapius, Book of the Title (summarizing Josephus);
- 4. Tacitus, Annals 15.44 (ca. A.D. 110-20);
- 5. Babylonian Talmud, tractate Sanhedrin 43a.

"Every criminal who goes to execution must carry his own cross on his back, vice frames out of itself each instrument of its own punishment."

~Plutarch, Moralia 554b

Stage 2. They grab Simon of Cyrene, and conscript him to carry His cross.

Mark 15:21; Matt 27:32; Luke 23:26

Luke 23:26, "Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus."



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Rom. 16:13, "Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine."

Stage 3. Jesus tells the women mourning not to weep for Him but for themselves and their children.

Luke 23:27, "And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him."

Luke 23:28, "But Jesus, turning to them, said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Luke 23:29, "'For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, "Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!"'

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Hos. 10:7, "As for Samaria, her king is cut off like a twig on the water.

Hos. 10:8, "Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. The thorn and thistle shall grow on their altars; They shall say to the mountains, 'Cover us!' And to the hills, 'Fall on us!'"

"The green wood is difficult to kindle, while the dry is easy to burn. If the life of the pious Jesus ends with a tragedy, what will happen to a sinful Jerusalem? The disaster becomes inevitable, but there is hope for Jerusalem in a distant future, when the times of the Gentiles will be completed (Luke 21:24)."

~David Flusser, Jesus

Stage 4. The arrival at Golgotha, the place of the skull.

Matt. 27:33; Mark 15:22; Luke 23:33;

"Calvary" John 19:17

Matt. 27:33, "And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, place of a Skull,"

Luke 23:33, "And when they had come to the place called Calvary,"

John 19:17, "And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, *Golgotha*,"

Golgotha, Aramaic, "the place of the skull"

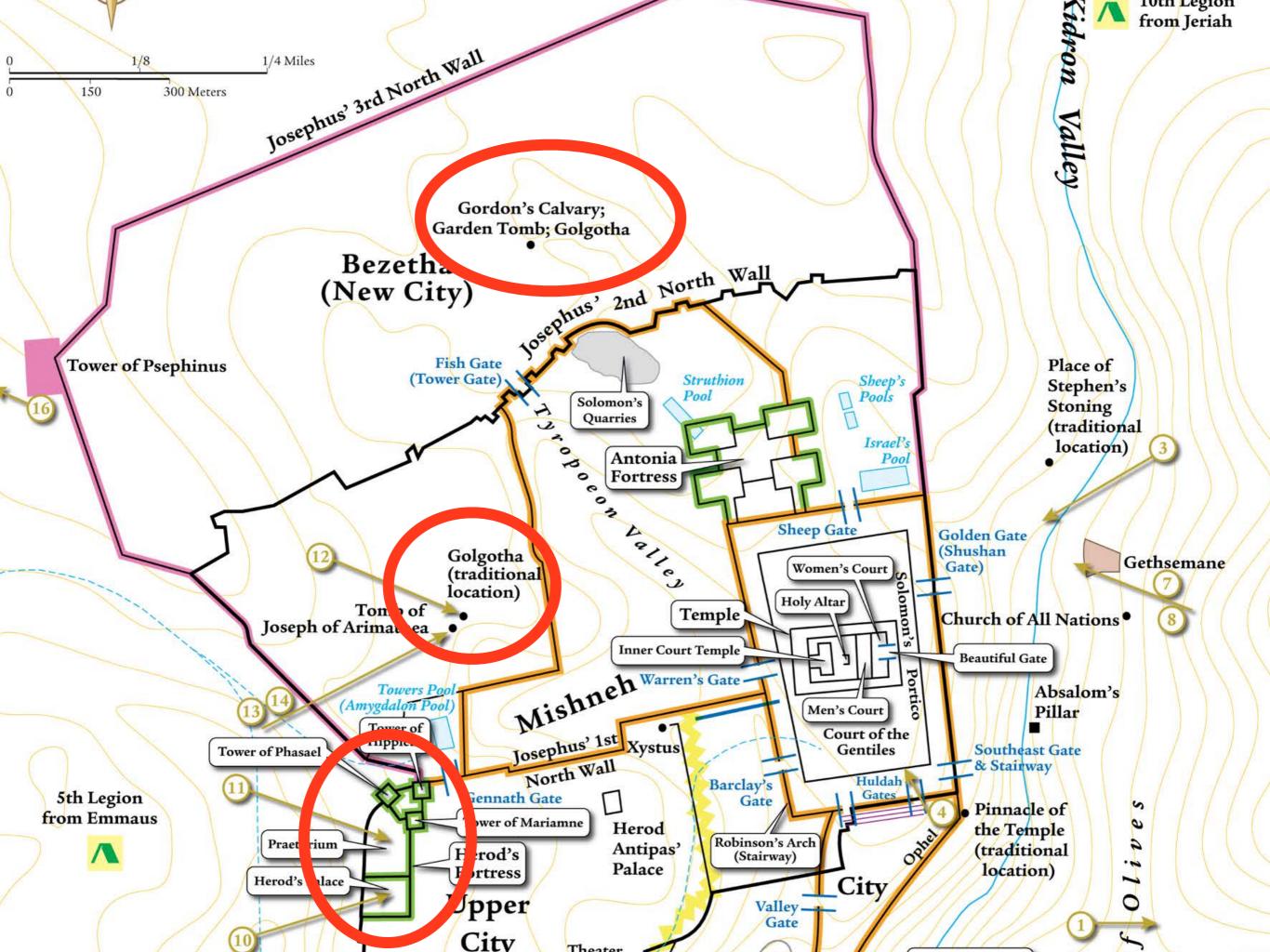
Calvariæ Locus, (English "Calvary" is derived), "the place of the skull"

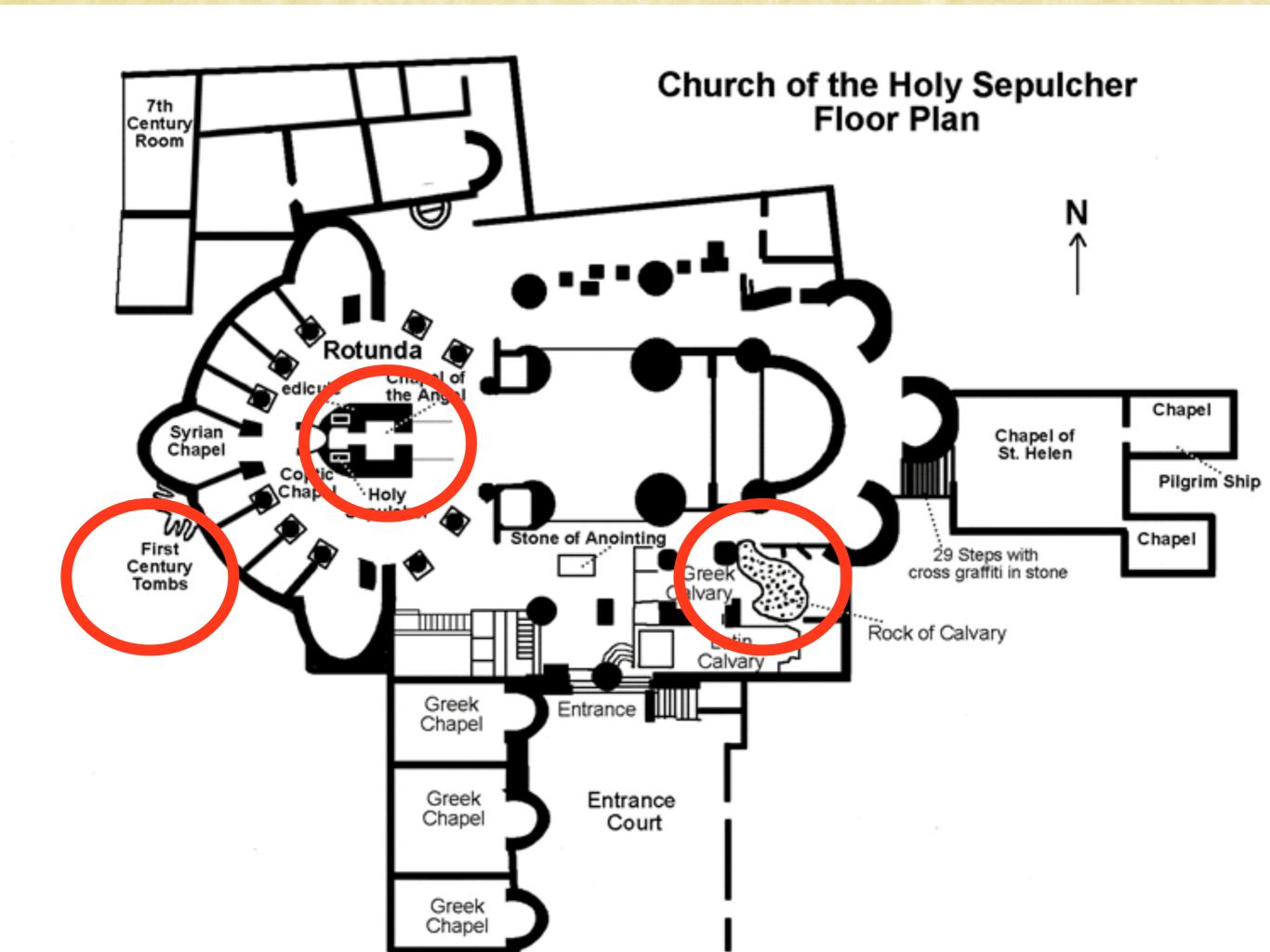
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- 1. Looked like a skull;
- 2. Referenced the location; i.e., "boot hill" in Tombstone, AZ.

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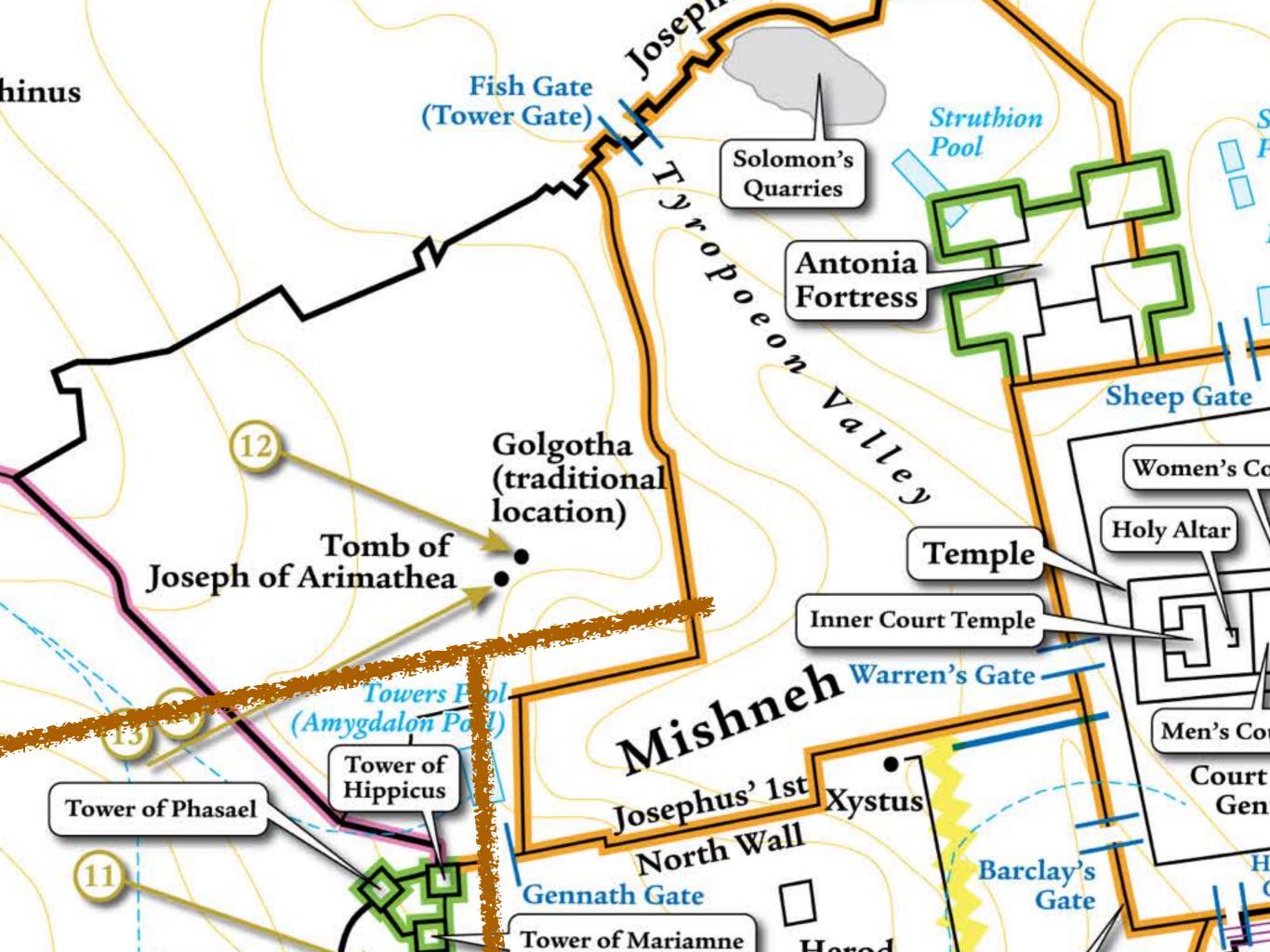












Stage 5. They give Jesus wine with gall to drink, but He did not drink.

Matt. 27:34; Mark 15:23

Matt. 27:34, "they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink."

Mark 15:23, "Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it."

"Again, what of R. Hiyya b. Ashi's dictum in R. Hisda's name: When one is led out to execution, he is given a goblet of wine containing a grain of frankincense, in order to benumb his senses, for it is written, Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto the bitter in soul."

~Babylonian Talmud: Tractate Sanhedrin, Folio 43a

2. The first three hours: The Wrath of Men

Mark 15:24-32; Matthew 27:35-44; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:18-27

Stage 6. The crucifixion of Jesus.

Matt. 27:35a; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33;

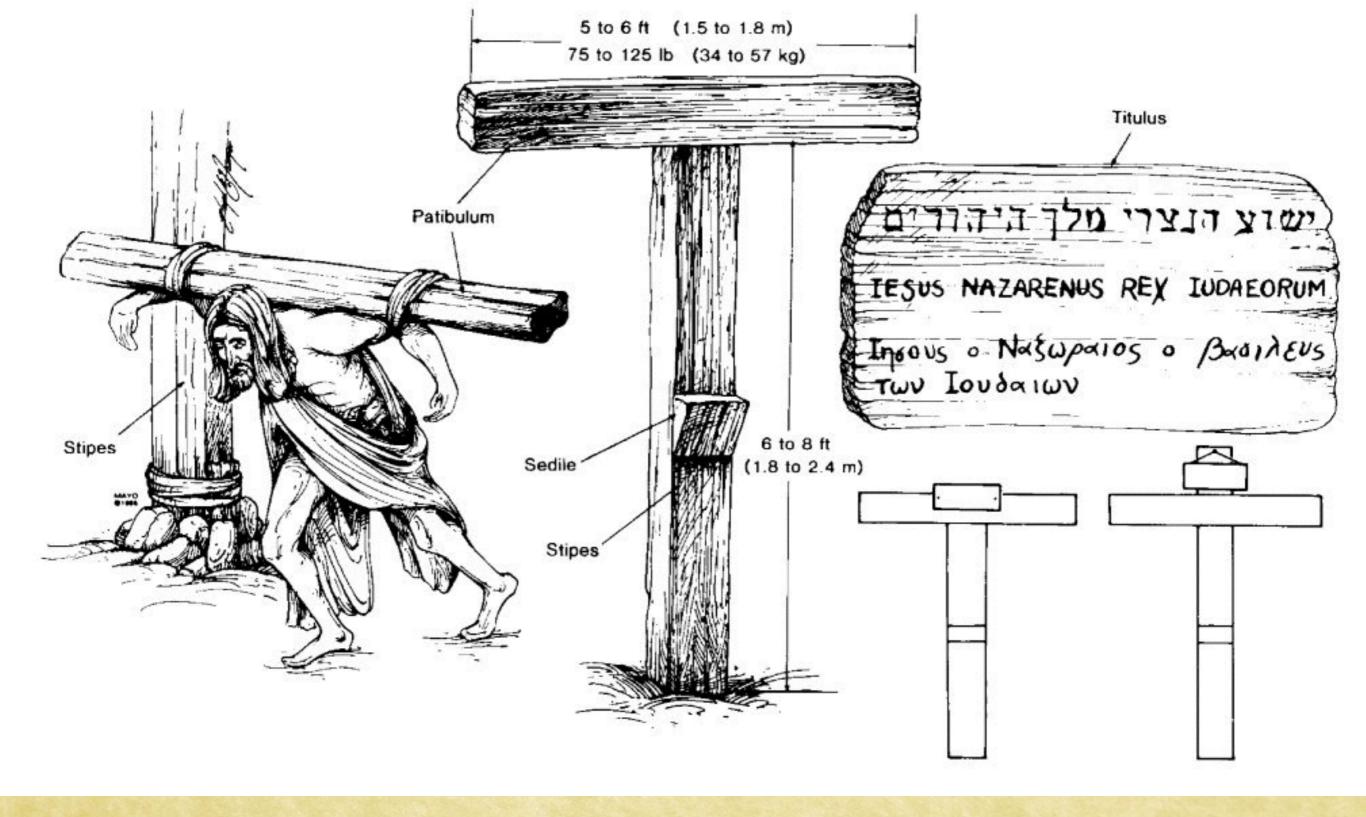
John 19:18a

Matt. 27:35, "Then they crucified Him, ..."

Mark 15:25, "Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him."

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- 4. A tablet specifying the crime would be nailed to the top of the cross or hung around the neck.

1 Pet. 2:24, "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."