

BIBLE ATLAS

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Jerusalem at the Time of Christ

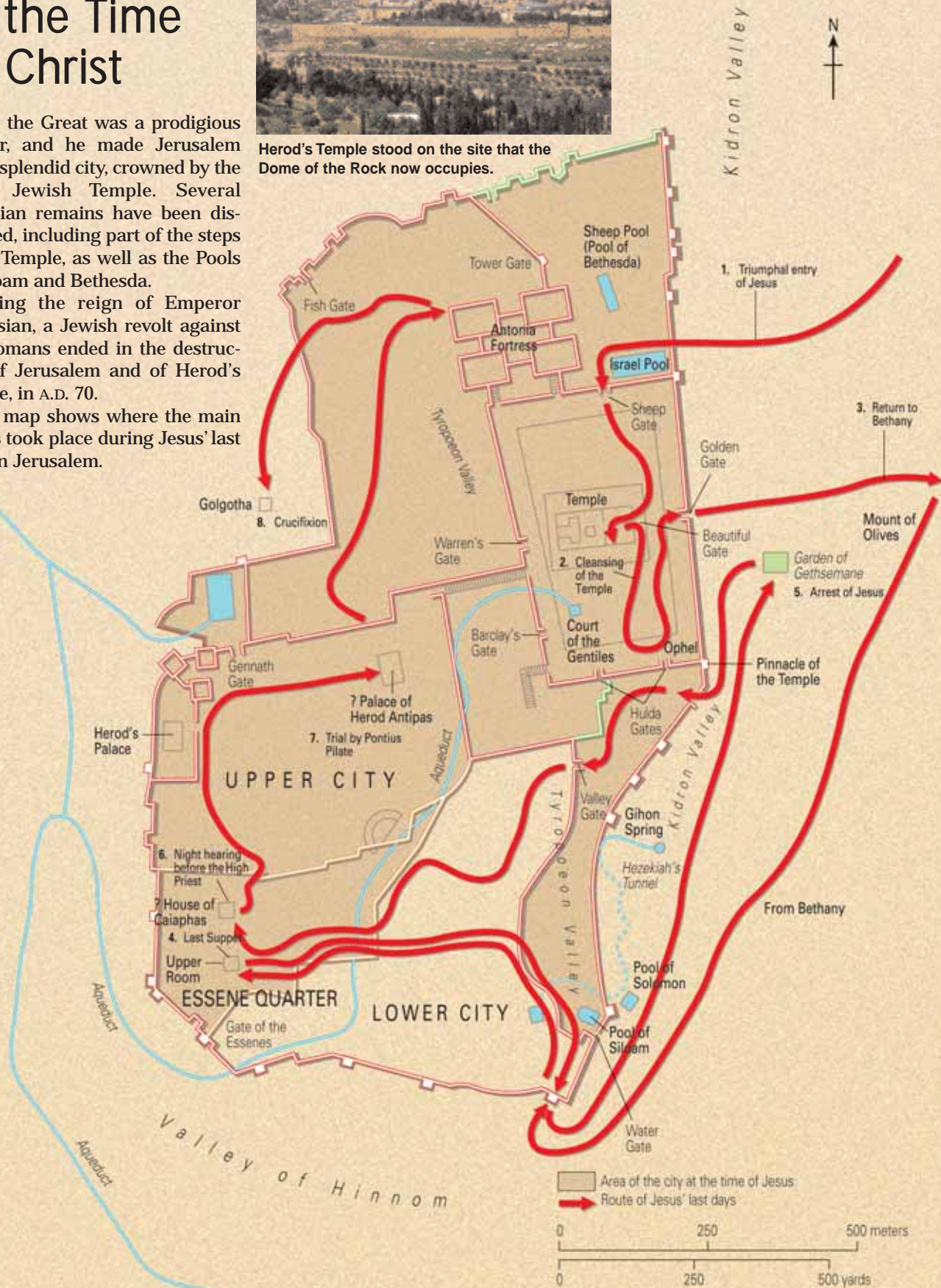


Herod's Temple stood on the site that the Dome of the Rock now occupies.

Herod the Great was a prodigious builder, and he made Jerusalem into a splendid city, crowned by the great Jewish Temple. Several Herodian remains have been discovered, including part of the steps to the Temple, as well as the Pools of Siloam and Bethesda.

During the reign of Emperor Vespasian, a Jewish revolt against the Romans ended in the destruction of Jerusalem and of Herod's Temple, in A.D. 70.

The map shows where the main events took place during Jesus' last days in Jerusalem.



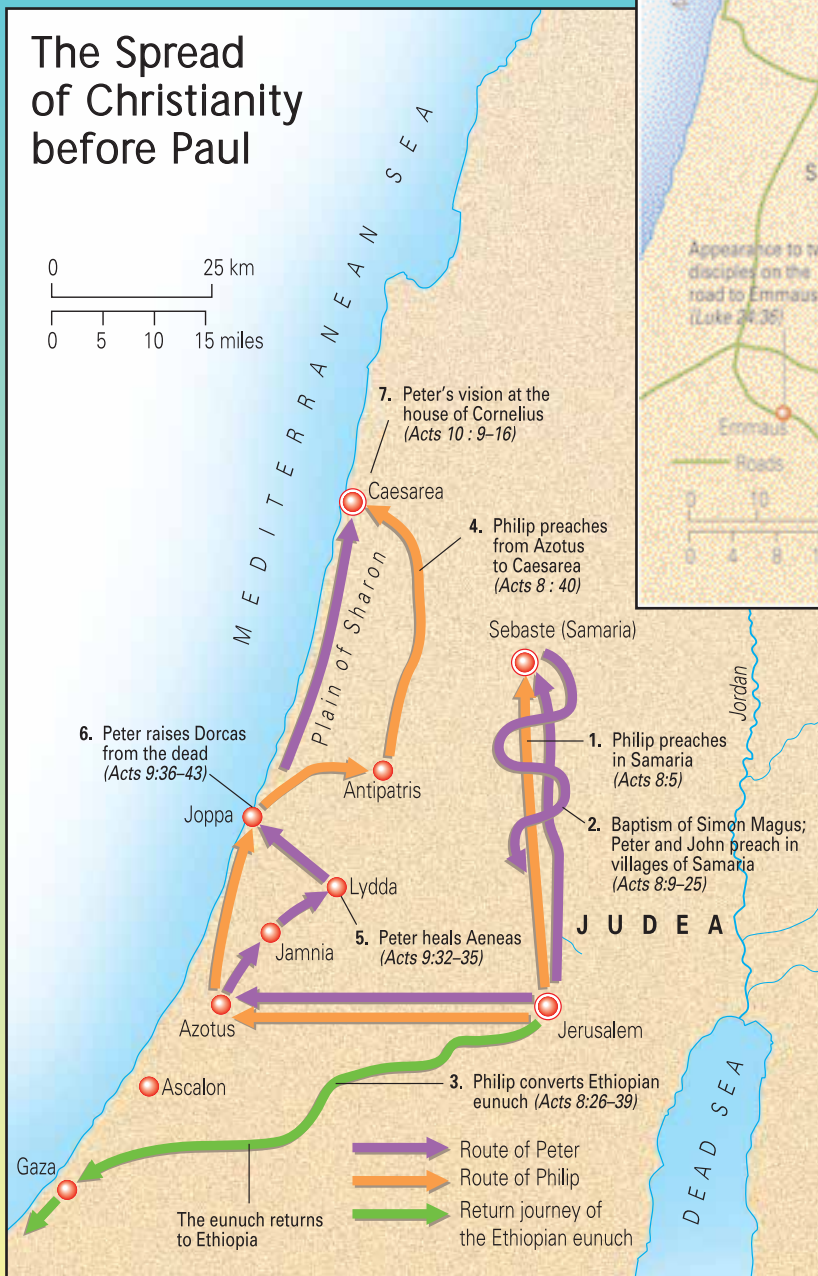
The risen Lord appeared first to Mary Magdalene and to Peter; then to two disciples on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus; then to the Apostles that same evening; again when Thomas (previously absent) was with them; next, when they returned to Galilee—beside the lake and on a mountain. On this last occasion, He commissioned them to go into the whole world and to make all nations His disciples (Matthew 28:16-20).

These appearances continued for 40 days. The final appearance took place on the Mount of Olives. Having promised the disciples power to be His witnesses when the Holy Spirit had come on them, Jesus was taken up into heaven.

The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus



The Spread of Christianity before Paul



The persecution that followed the martyrdom of the deacon Stephen scattered the Christians throughout Judea and Samaria. Philip, Peter, and John all made conversions in Samaria, a “no-go” area for religious Jews. Philip, another deacon, explained the Gospel to an Ethiopian official on his way home from Jerusalem. The coastal plain of Judea, as far north as Caesarea, was evangelized by Peter and Philip. As the persecution of Christians by some Jews in Jerusalem became more persistent, so Jewish Christians dispersed northward. At Antioch believers were first called “Christians.”

Acts 8, 9, 11