

Resurrection Author LORD  
I AM Christ  
bread of life  
Beginning and the End  
Good Shepherd SAVIOR  
Messiah

SON OF  
the beloved man  
OUR Light  
HOPE cornerstone  
Life  
Teacher King  
of the Jews

RIGHTEOUS ONE Friend TRUTH  
Everlasting Father Great  
FIRST AND Physician  
LAST  
faithful and true  
Alpha and witness  
Omega JESUS  
high priest  
Friend  
Holy One  
master

Son of the Most High  
Bright & MORNING STAR  
counselor Author of  
LOVE Salvation  
true vine  
Heir Shield & Potter  
of all Buckler  
ROCK  
Righteousness Alpha  
of Judah lamb without blemish  
Living Water  
Savior wonderful

*in His Name*

**John 18:12-27**

**Denying Life**

Matthew 26:57-60

Those who had arrested Jesus took Him to **Caiaphas** the high priest, **where** the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed Him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. The chief priests and the **whole Sanhedrin** were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any, though many false **witnesses** came forward.

Mark 14:53-56

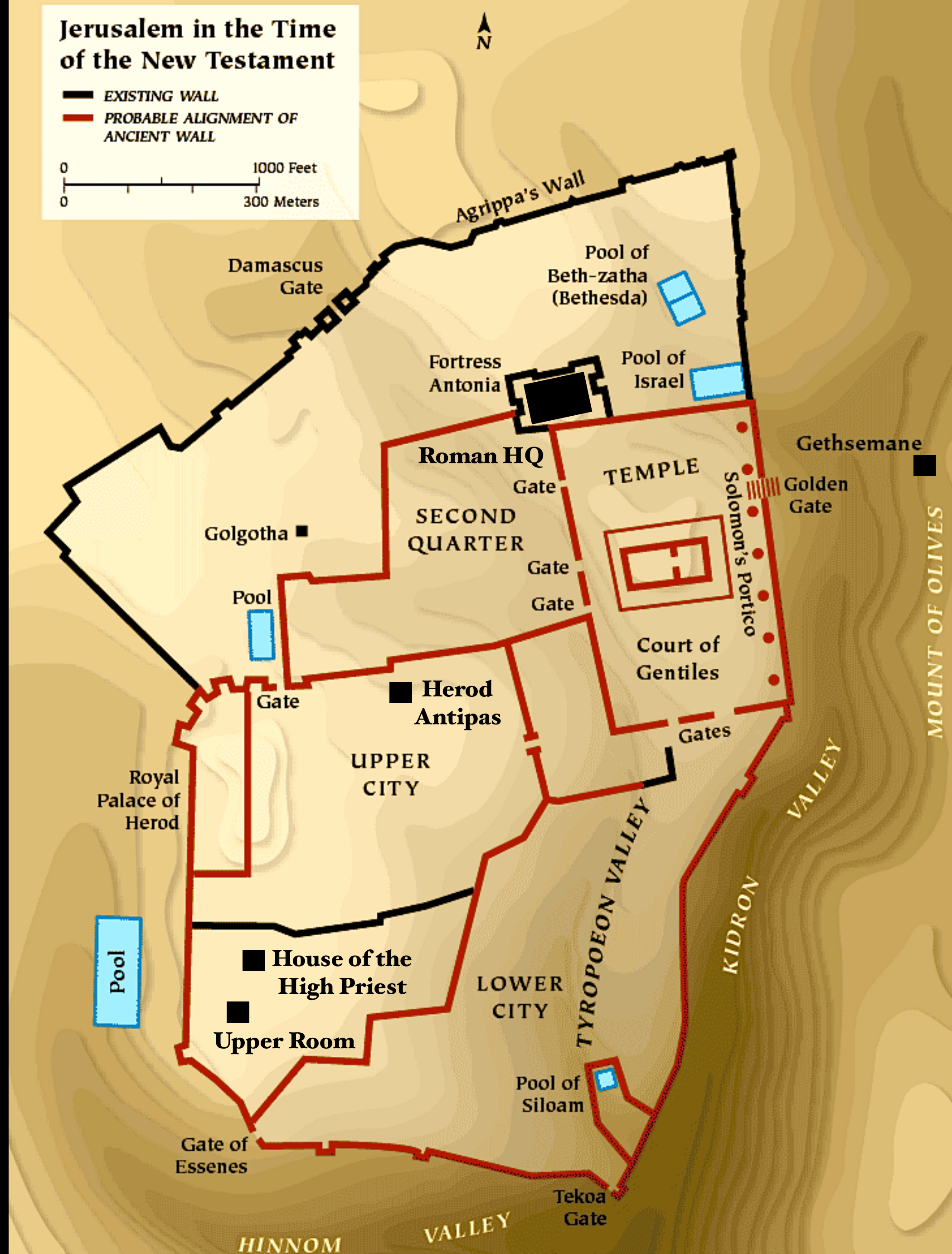
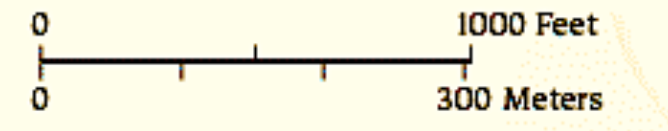
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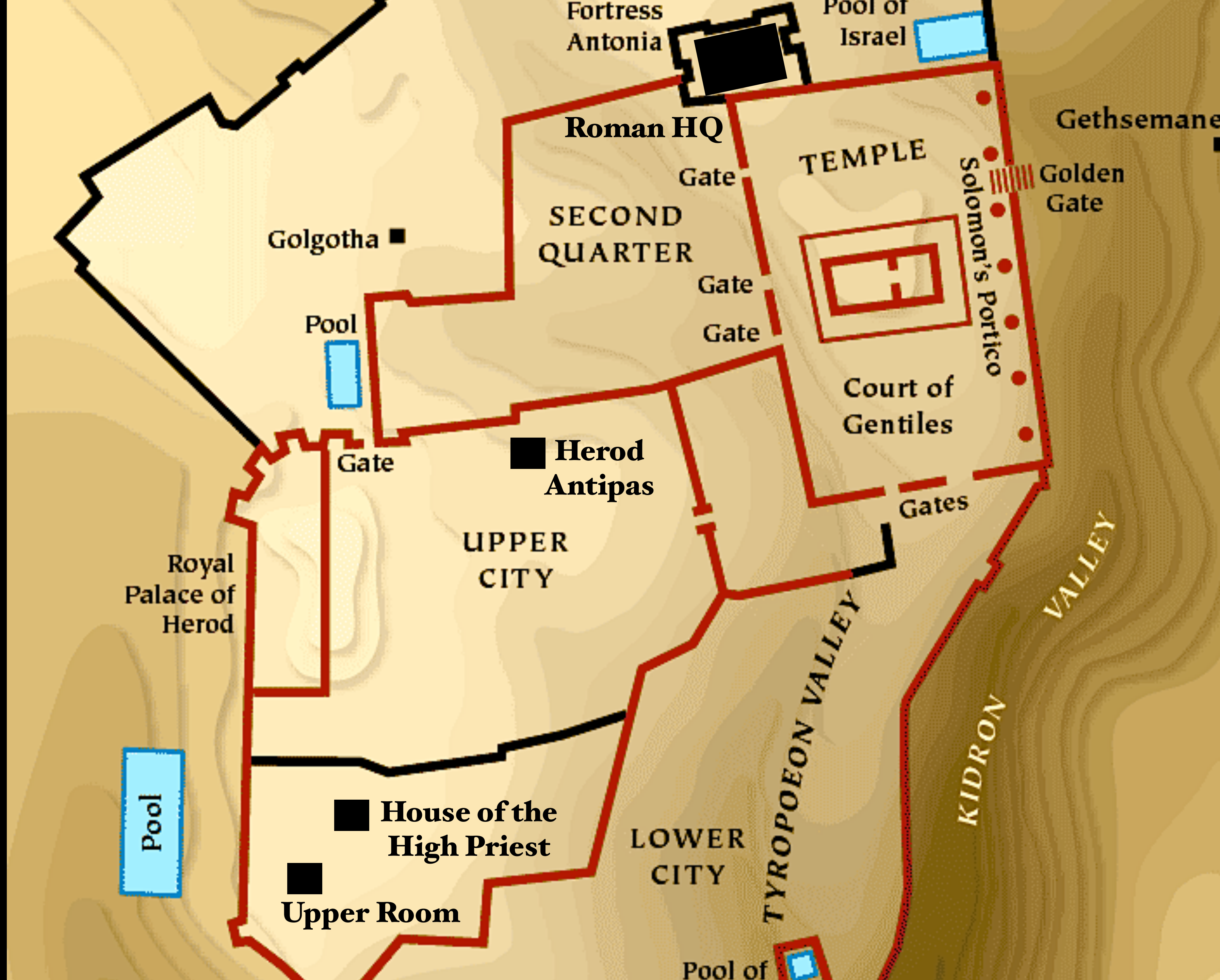
Luke 22:54-56

Then seizing him, they led Him away and took Him into the **house of the high priest**. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of **the courtyard** and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.

# Jerusalem in the Time of the New Testament

- EXISTING WALL
- PROBABLE ALIGNMENT OF ANCIENT WALL





Fortress Antonia

Pool of Israel

Roman HQ

Gethsemane

TEMPLE

Gate

Golden Gate

Golgotha

SECOND QUARTER

Solomon's Portico

Pool

Gate

Gate

Court of Gentiles

Gate

Herod Antipas

Gates

Royal Palace of Herod

UPPER CITY

TYROPEON VALLEY

KIDRON VALLEY

Pool

House of the High Priest

LOWER CITY

Upper Room

Pool of

John 18:12-14

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound Him and brought him **first to Annas**, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

# Why Annas First?

- **Buying time for the entire assembly of the Sanhedrin to gather in the middle of the night.**
- **Even though Annas wasn't the acting high priest, he was considered the "power behind the throne."**
  - **This was an informal hearing.**

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John 13:23: "One of them, **the disciple whom Jesus loved**, was reclining next to Him."

John 19:26: "When Jesus saw his mother there, and **the disciple whom He loved** standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son.'"

John 19:35: "One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. **The man who saw it** has given testimony, and his testimony is true."

John 21:20: "Peter turned and saw that **the disciple whom Jesus loved** was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is going to betray you?')"

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**What was Peter thinking?  
Why did he take this risk?**

**He's had a bad night.**

- **John 13:6-11**
- **John 13:31-38**
- **John 18:8-11**

**Peter couldn't do anything right.**

**But he could set things right.**

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**What if Peter was “going big”?  
What if he was thinking of testifying?  
After all—in a Jewish trial it’s only  
the testimony of witnesses that  
carry any weight. The accused  
has no voice.**

## John 18:19-23

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. **Why question me?**

Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?"

I believe Peter has it in his  
in mind to make good  
on his promise.

John 13:37

*“Peter asked, ‘Lord, why can’t I follow you  
now? I will lay down my life for you.’”*

**And then...**

John 18:16-17

The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to **the servant girl** on duty there and brought Peter in.

"You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter.

He replied, "I am not."

**the servant girl**

### Matthew 26:69-70

Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a **servant girl** came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

### Mark 14:66-68

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the **servant girls** of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway.

### Luke 22:56-57

A **servant girl** saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know Him," he said.

What happens if a  
**servant girl** blows his cover?

Failure #4

**Do you think Peter  
even considered this  
a denial?**

He had to *stay*.

John 18:25

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?"

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Guess what...

another servant girl.

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Matthew 26:71

...another **servant girl** saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

**And yet again...**

## John 18:26-27

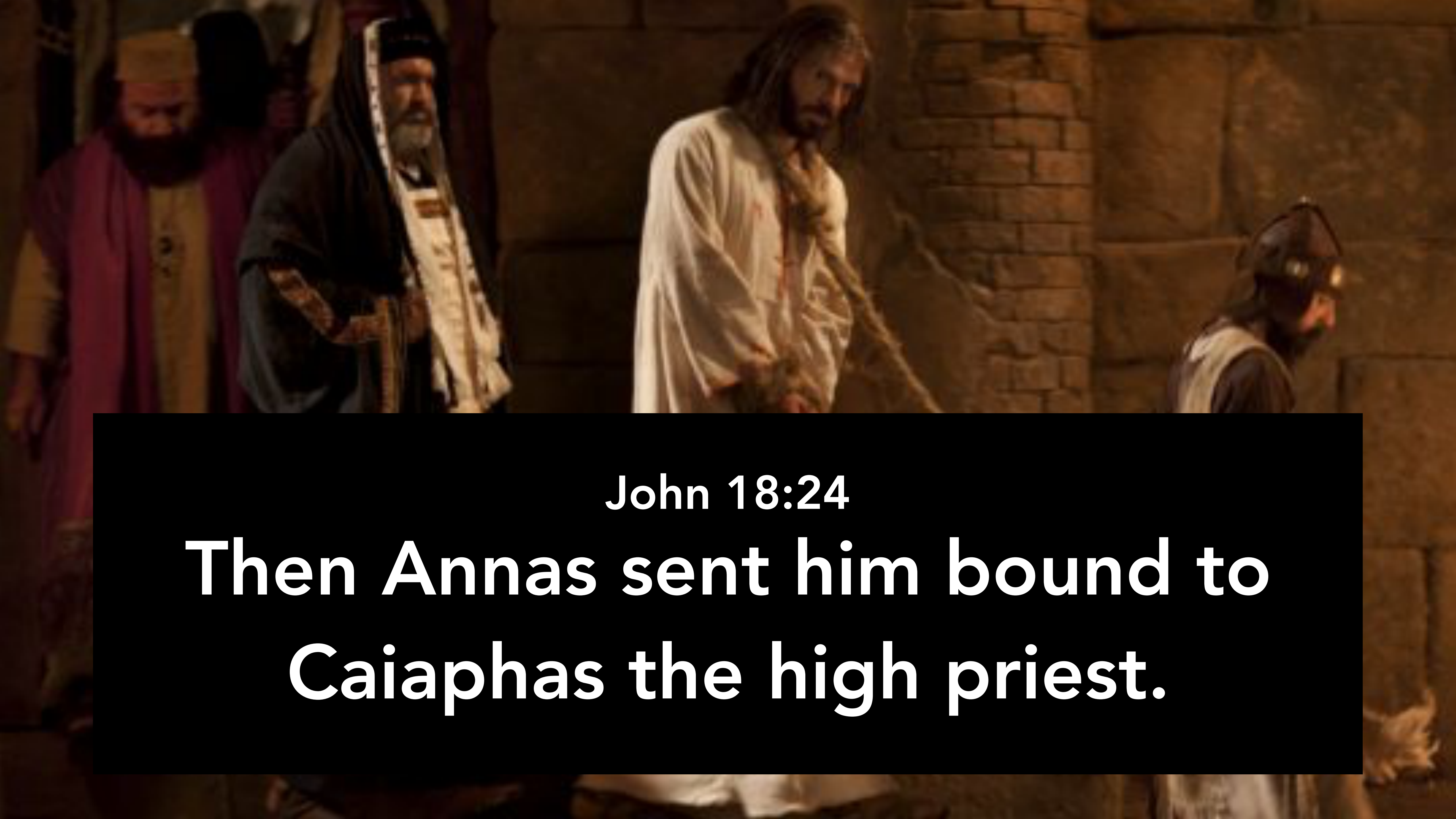
One of the high priest's **servants**, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" Again Peter denied it,

**And yet again...**

**I truly believe that in Peter's mind, he was fully  
justified telling a few "little lies."**

**After all—these were...**

**Just. Servants.**



John 18:24

**Then Annas sent him bound to  
Caiaphas the high priest.**



Luke 22:60-62

Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. **The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter.** Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."

**1. Peter loved Jesus**

**2. Peter had good intentions**

**3. It's the little things**

**We can't begin  
to imagine how  
devastated Peter was.**

**"And he went outside and wept bitterly."**

**"And he broke down and wept."**

**"And he went outside and wept bitterly."**

Peter...do you love me?

**...do you love me?**



