

Jesus Encounters

Week 4: The Man Born Blind - That The Blind May See
John 9:1-41

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John 8:12 ESV

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for **the glory of God gives it light**, and its lamp is the Lamb... and there will be no night there.

Revelation 21:22-25 ESV

Then the angel showed me the river of **the water of life**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city...

Revelation 22:1-2 ESV

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**Truth is Revealed when
Encountering Jesus**

That the Blind May See

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but **that the works of God might be displayed in him.** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and **came back seeing**.

John 9:1-7 ESV

1. Jesus is the Light of the World

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 9:5 ESV

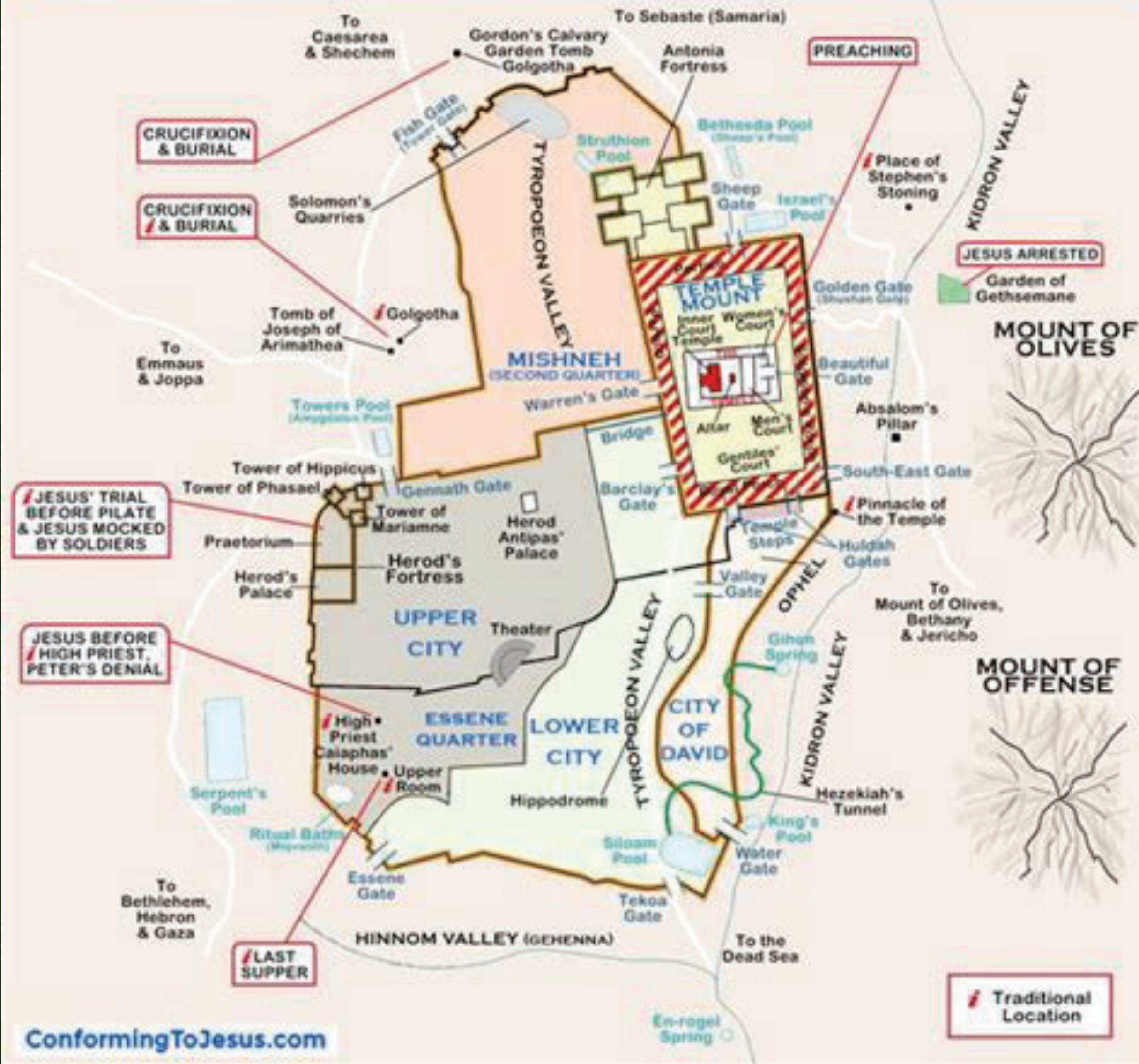
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all... **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7 ESV

**“Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.”**

Martin Luther King Jr

JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS



2. The Alienation of Spiritual Blindness

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

John 9:13-17 ESV

His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”

John 9:20-21 ESV

His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

John 9:22 ESV

“I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light but who see nothing in sea or sky, nothing in city streets, nothing in books. It were far better to sail forever in the night of blindness with sense, and feeling, and mind than to be content with the mere act of seeing.”

Helen Keller

3. The Freedom of Spiritual Sight

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. **One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.**”

John 9:24-25 ESV

The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes... **Never since the world began** has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.

John 9:30, 32 ESV

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “**Lord, I believe,**” and he worshiped him.

John 9:35-38 ESV

4. True Blindness is Spiritual

Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but **now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.**”

John 9:35-41 ESV

**Satisfied that their darkness was light,
and continuing in rejection of Christ,
their sins remained.**

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John 9:39 ESV

“We can forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.”

Plato



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