

The Ministry of Christ

Narrative and Themes

Christ as Master over Nature

Christ as Master over Illness

Christ as Master over the

 Spiritual Realm

Christ as Master over Death

Christ the Great Teacher





No. 2. The Opening Events of Christ's Life.

Matthew 16

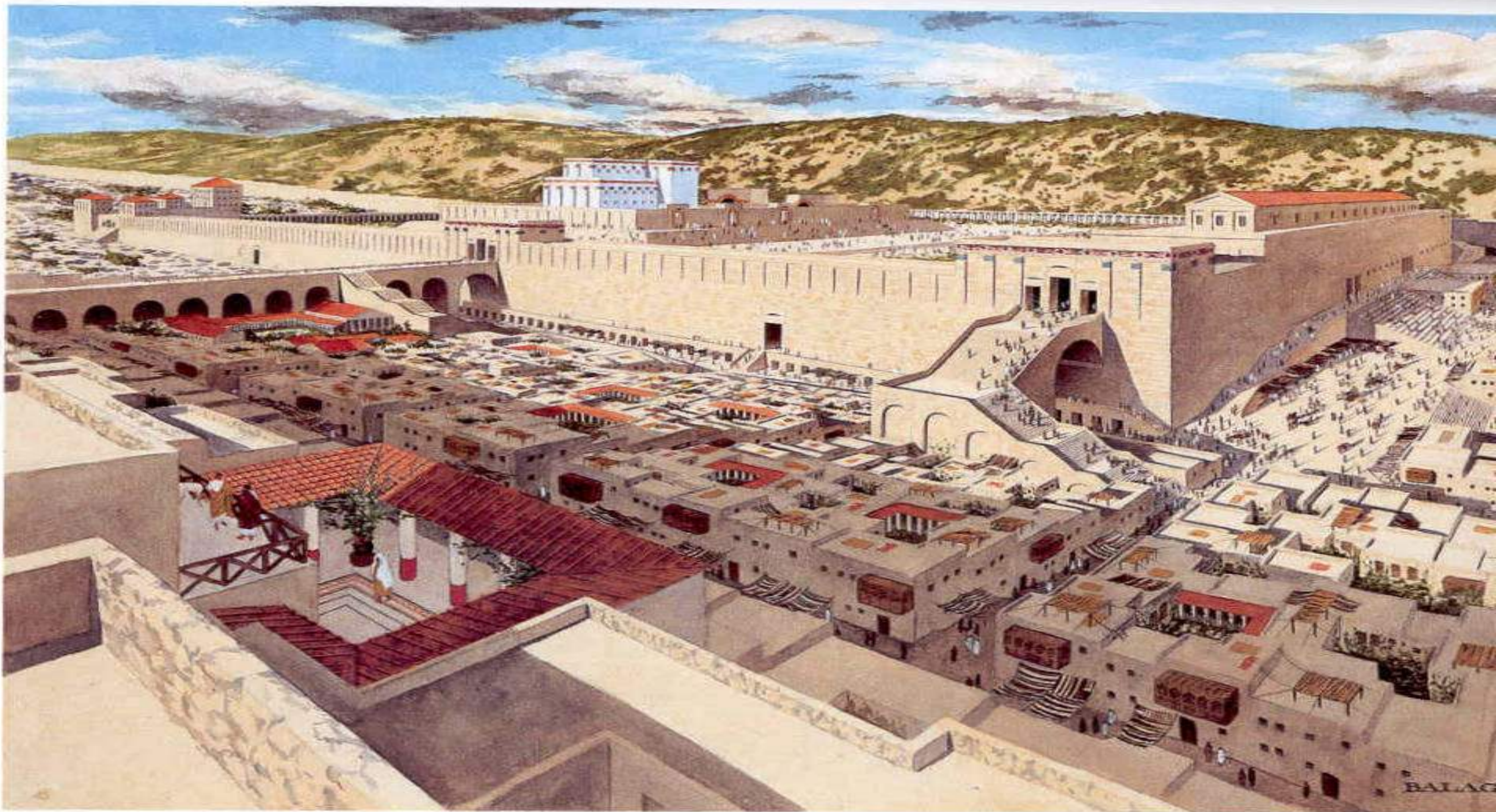
- Mark 8:22-26 – Blind man healed
- Peter's Confession
- Πέτρος vs πέτρα
- Peter is rebuked
- The Kingdom is coming soon – vs 28

Matthew 17

- The Transfiguration
 - Why Moses and Elijah?
 - A Elijah vs The Elijah
 - John 1:20
 - He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”
 - 21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?”
 - He said, “I am not.”
 - Luke 1: 17 17
 - He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”
- Epileptic healed
 - Lack of faith of the disciples
 -only by prayer and fasting
- Jesus pays His taxes

The Feast of Tabernacles

- John 7-9
- **Sukkot** (Hebrew: סוכות or סֻכּוֹת, *sukkōt*, or *sukkos*, **Feast of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles**)
- celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Tishrei (late September to late October)
- Was a harvest celebration and also a remembrance of the tents in the Wandering
- Leviticus 23





Jesus' brothers tell Him to go to the feast

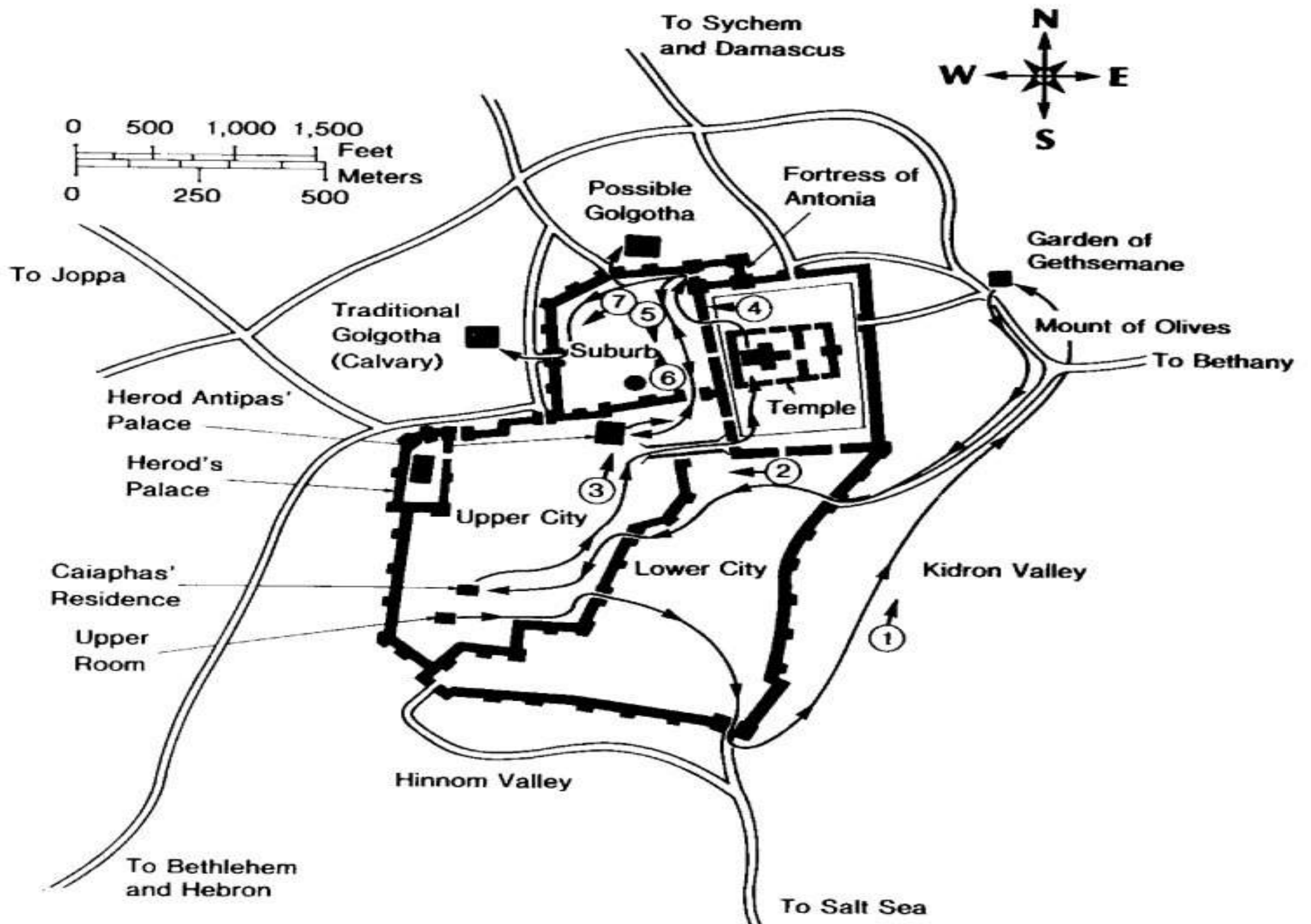
- John 7:3-5
 - "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. 4 For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." 5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.
- Matt 13:54-57
 - 55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" 57 So they were offended at Him.

Jesus' Brothers

- Acts 1:12-14
 - Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

At the Feast

- The people were divided
- They were amazed but also indignant
- Jesus taught on the authority of God
 - How should we study and teach?
- The people marveled
 - Ignorance standing in the way
 - Vs 40-44
- The leaders sent men to get Him but they were unable
- Nicodemus tries to defend Him



The Woman Caught in Adultery

- John 8:1-11
- If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death.
— *Leviticus 20:10*
- Where was the man?
- She was condemned under the Law
- Jesus had the power to forgive her outright.
- What was the trap?
- He was trying to change their hearts.
- What was He writing in the dirt?

The Woman Caught in Adultery

- A great rabbi stands teaching in the marketplace. It so happens that a husband finds proof that morning of his wife's adultery, and a mob carries her to the marketplace to stone her to death.The rabbi walks forward and stands beside the woman. Out of respect for him the mob forbears, and waits with the stones heavy in their hands. "Is there anyone here," he says to them, " who has not desired another man's wife, or another woman's husband?"
- They murmur and say, " We all know the desire. But, Rabbi, none of us has acted on it."
- The rabbi says, "Then kneel down and give thanks that God made you strong." He takes the woman by the hand and leads her out of the market. Just before he lets her go, he whispers to her, "Tell the lord magistrate who saved his mistress. Then he'll know that I am his loyal servant."
- So the woman lives, because the community is too corrupt to protect itself from disorder.

The Woman Caught in Adultery

- Another rabbi, another city. He goes to her, and stops the mob, as in the other story and says, "Which of you is without sin? Let him cast the first stone."
- The people are abashed, and forget their unity of purpose in the memory of their own individual sins. Someday, they think, I may be like this woman, and I'll hope for forgiveness and another chance. I should treat her the way I wish to be treated.
- As they open their hands and let the stones fall to the ground, the rabbi picks up one of the stones, lifts it high over the woman's head, and throws it straight down with all his might. It crushes her skull, and dashes her brains onto the cobblestones.
- "Nor am I without sin," he says to the people. "But if we allow only perfect people to enforce the law, the law will soon be dead, and our city with it."
- So the woman died because her community was too rigid to endure her deviance.

The Woman Caught in Adultery

- The famous version of this story is noteworthy because it is so startlingly rare in our experience. Most communities lurch between decay and rigor mortis, and when they veer too far, they die. Only one rabbi dared to expect of us such a perfect balance that we could preserve the law and still forgive the deviation.
- So of course, we killed him.
 - Orson Scott Card