

Luke 19:36-37 (NLT)

As He rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of Him.

[37] When they reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of His followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

Luke 19:38-39 (NLT)

“Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” [39] But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”

Luke 19:40-41 (NLT)

He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

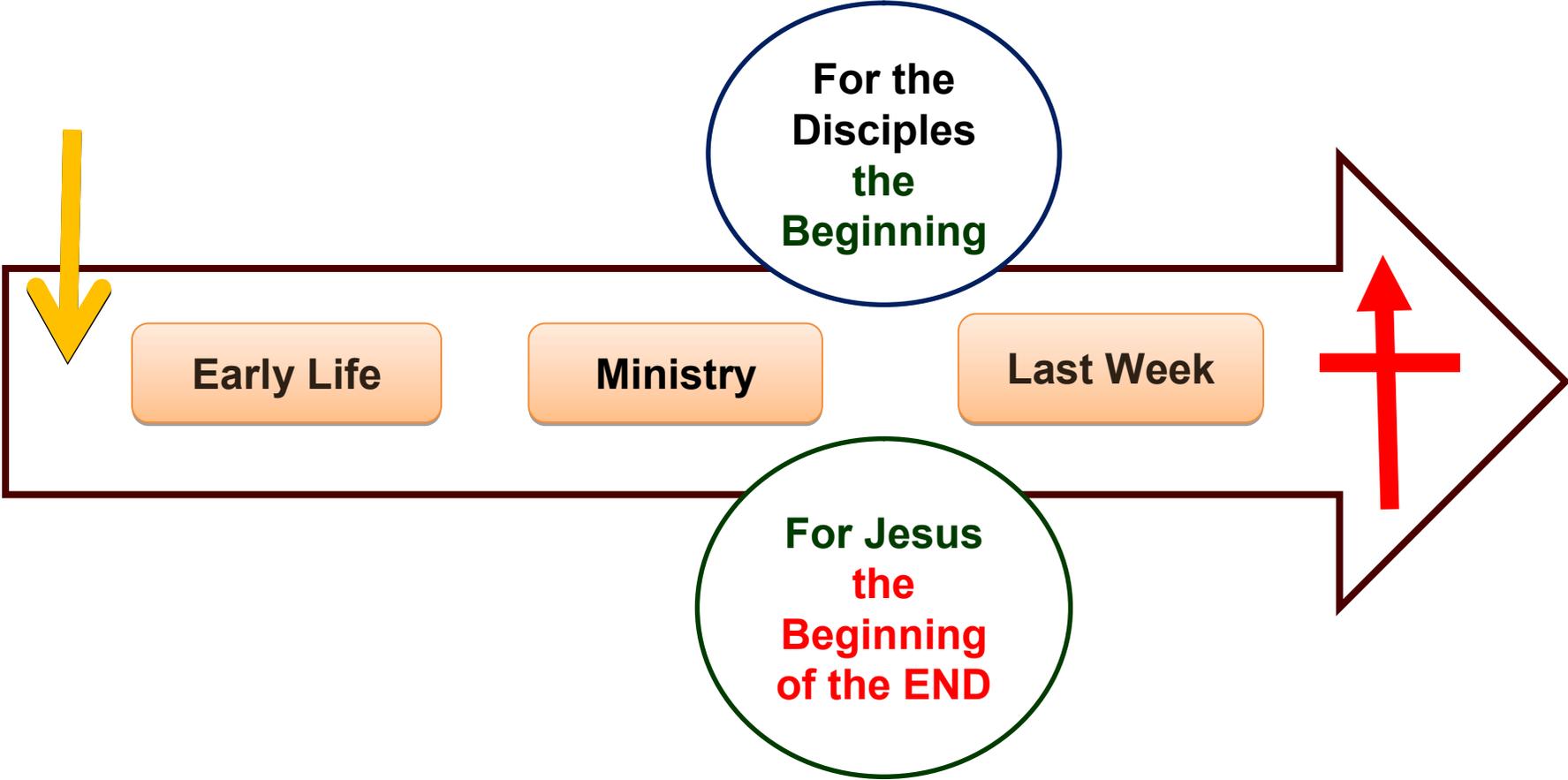
[41] But as they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep.

The Beginning of the END?

Matthew 21:1-17

The Beginning of the End
is that point where something
starts to get gradually worse,
until it **FAILS** or **ENDS**
completely.

Cambridge Dict.





Mediterranean
Sea

Sarepta

Tyre

PHOENICIA

SYRIA

Caesarea Philippi

GALILEE

Chorazin

Capernaum

Magdala

Cana

Tiberias

Nazareth

Nain

Bethsaida

Gergesa

Sea of Galilee

Ptolemais

Caesarea

Salem

Aenon

SAMARIA

Samaria

Sychar

Apollonia

Joppa

Antipatris

Lydda

Arimathea

Ephraim

Emmaus

Jericho

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JUDEA

Gaza

Hebron

IDUMEA

DECAPOLIS

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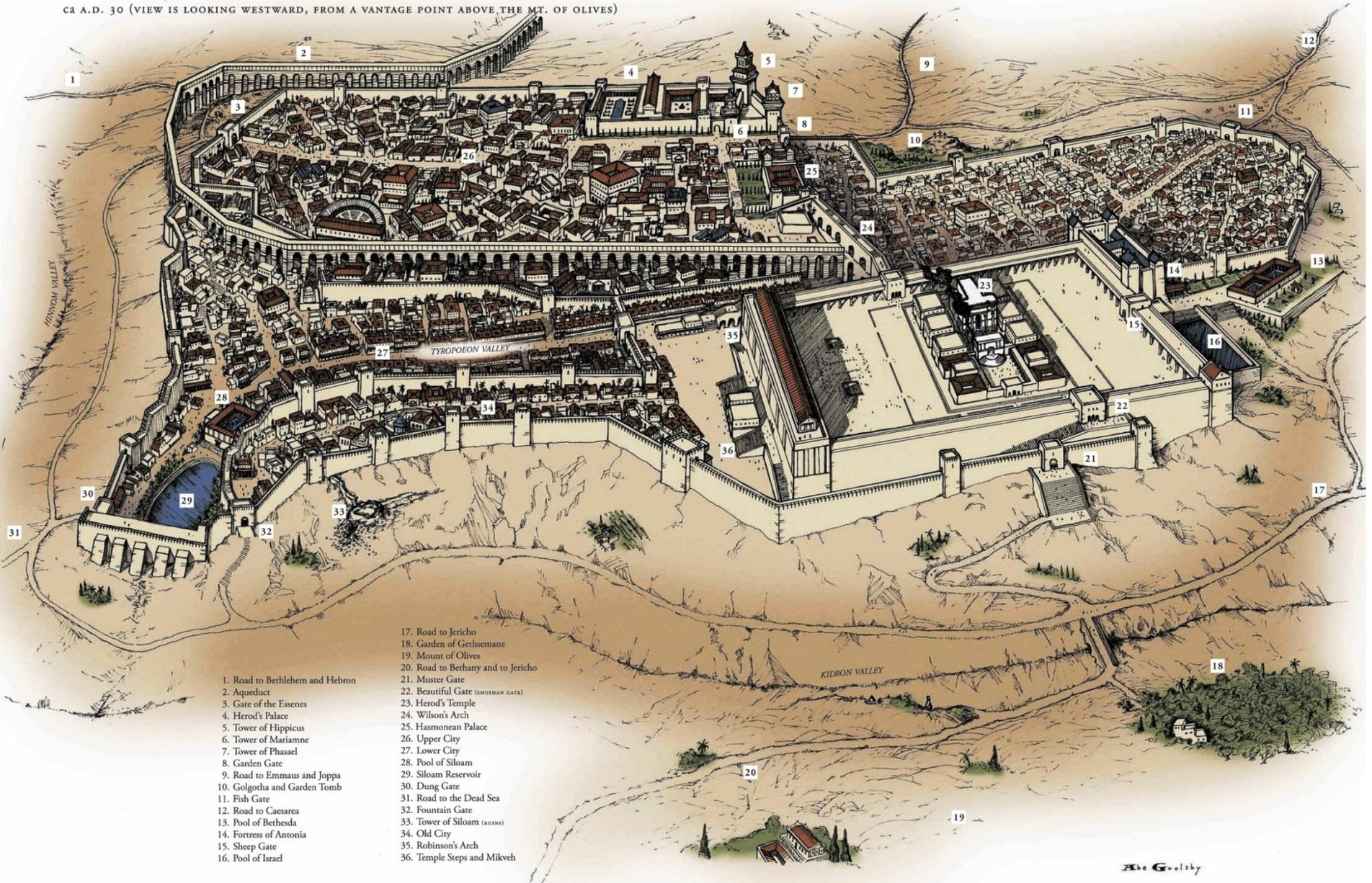
Jordan River

Bethany east of the Jordan

Dead Sea

New Testament Jerusalem

ca A.D. 30 (VIEW IS LOOKING WESTWARD, FROM A VANTAGE POINT ABOVE THE MT. OF OLIVES)



- 1. Road to Bethlehem and Hebron
- 2. Aqueduct
- 3. Gate of the Essenes
- 4. Herod's Palace
- 5. Tower of Hippicus
- 6. Tower of Mariamne
- 7. Tower of Phasael
- 8. Garden Gate
- 9. Road to Emmaus and Joppa
- 10. Golgotha and Garden Tomb
- 11. Fish Gate
- 12. Road to Caesarea
- 13. Pool of Bethesda
- 14. Fortress of Antonia
- 15. Sheep Gate
- 16. Pool of Israel

- 17. Road to Jericho
- 18. Garden of Gethsemane
- 19. Mount of Olives
- 20. Road to Bethany and to Jericho
- 21. Muster Gate
- 22. Beautiful Gate (SHEEPERAN GATE)
- 23. Herod's Temple
- 24. Wilson's Arch
- 25. Hasmonean Palace
- 26. Upper City
- 27. Lower City
- 28. Pool of Siloam
- 29. Siloam Reservoir
- 30. Dung Gate
- 31. Road to the Dead Sea
- 32. Fountain Gate
- 33. Tower of Siloam (RUINS)
- 34. Old City
- 35. Robinson's Arch
- 36. Temple Steps and Mikveh

By getting on that donkey
and **riding it into Jerusalem,**
Jesus is making a **bold statement.**
He is claiming to **be the Messiah.**
He is claiming to be the
FULFILLMENT of Zechariah's prophecy.

→ God's Timing is **ALWAYS** Perfect

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV)

But when the **TIME had fully come**,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under law, [5] **to REDEEM** those under
law, that **we might receive**
the full rights of sons.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

Brothers, **we do not want you**
to be ignorant about those who fall asleep,
or to grieve like the rest of men,
who have NO HOPE.

[16] For the **Lord Himself WILL COME**
down from heaven, with a loud command,
with the voice of the archangel and with
the trumpet call of God, and **the dead in**
Christ will rise first.

[18] Therefore **encourage each other**
with these words.

→ **Contrast between the FIRST
and SECOND Comings of Jesus**

Matthew 20:28 (NLT)

For even the **Son of Man** came not to
be served but **to SERVE others**

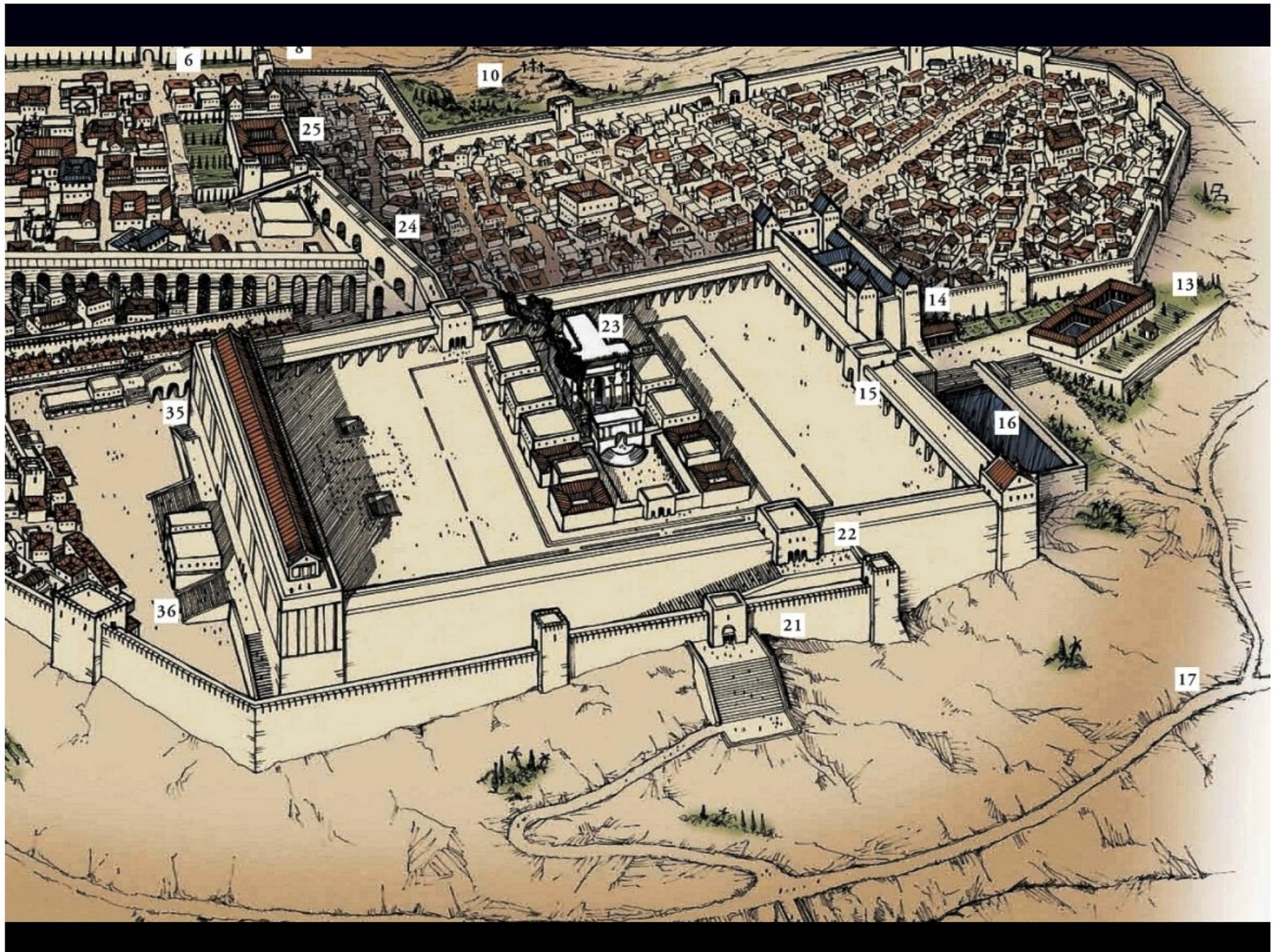
and to give

His life as a RANSOM for many.

Revelation 19:11 (NIV)

I saw heaven standing open and there
before me was a **white horse**,
whose **rider is called FAITHFUL**
and **TRUE**.

With **Justice He JUDGES** and
MAKES WAR.



Matthew 21:45-46 (NLT)

When the leading **priests** and **Pharisees** heard this parable, they realized **HE was telling the story AGAINST them** - they were the wicked farmers.

[46] They **wanted to arrest him**, but they were **afraid of the crowds**, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

Matthew 22:46 (NLT)

No one could answer him.

And after that,

NO ONE dared to ask Him
any more questions.

→ Jesus Knew **EXACTLY** what He was Doing...

- **RODE** a donkey into Jerusalem
- **ENTERED** Jerusalem through the
- **SHEEP** Gate **CLEANSED** the temple
- **CONDEMNED** the Religious Leaders
- Declared **JUDGEMENTS** on them

During this last week Jesus:
ENTERED Jerusalem, **CLEANSED** the temple,
CHALLENGED the religious leaders,
INSTITUTED the Lord's Supper,
was **ARRESTED**, was **TRIED**,
was **CRUCIFIED**, and then
was **RAISED from the DEAD**.

John 1:29 (NIV)

...John saw Jesus coming toward
him and said,

**Look, the Lamb of God, who
takes away the sin of the world!**

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

For you know that **God paid a ransom to SAVE you** from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And **the ransom He paid** was not mere gold or silver. [19] It was **the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless LAMB of God.**

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NIV)

But **HE was pierced** for our transgressions, **HE was crushed** for our iniquities; the **punishment** that brought us peace **was upon HIM**, and **by HIS wounds we are healed.**

[6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and **the LORD has laid on HIM the iniquity of us ALL.**