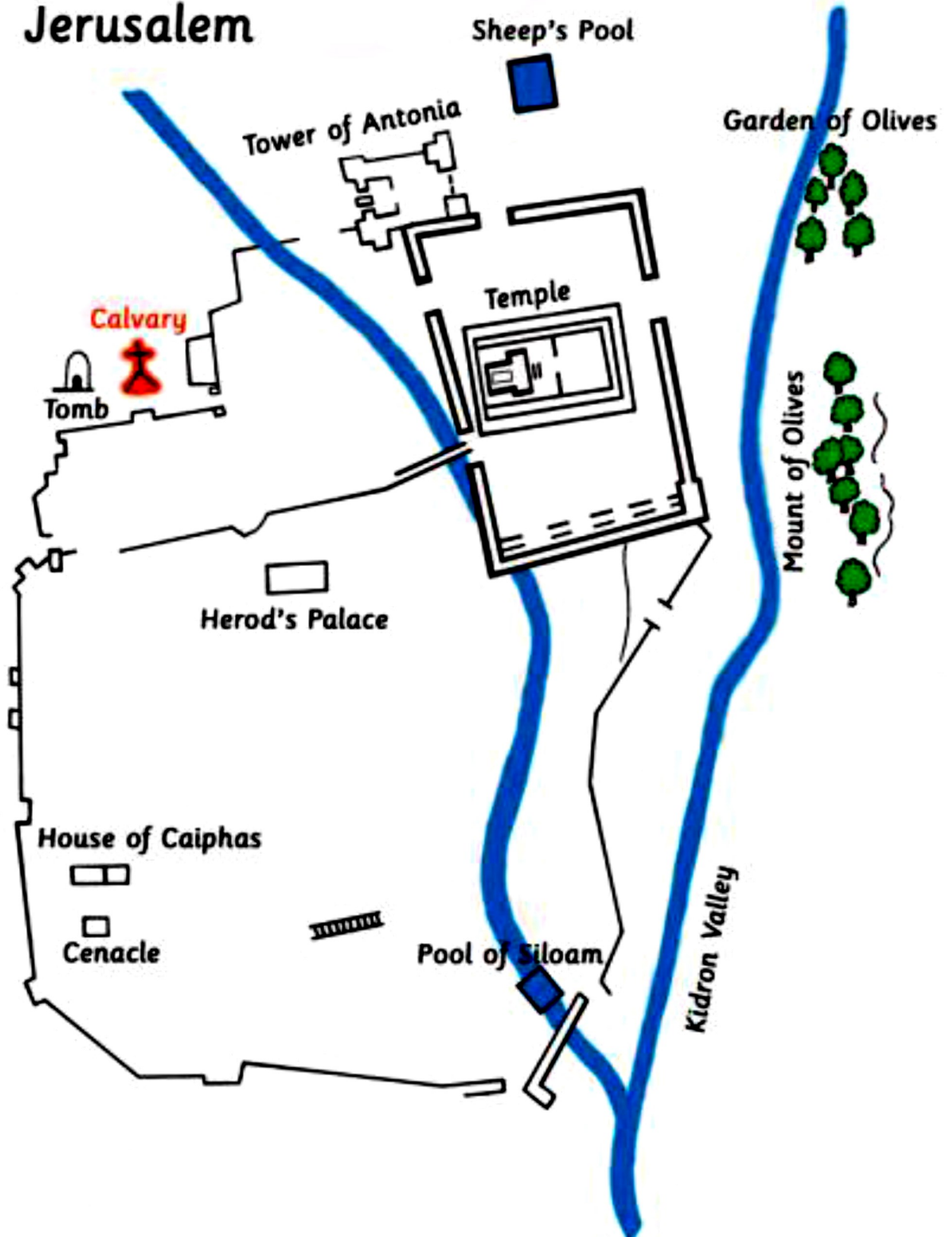




THE CRUCIFIXION

Luke 23:33-46
Mark 15:39
Matthew 27:57-60

Jerusalem



When they came to the place called the Skull,
they crucified him and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.

[Then Jesus said,

“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”]

They divided his garments by casting lots.

The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile,
sneered at him and said,

“He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen
one, the Messiah of God.”

Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer
him wine they called out,

“If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”

Above him there was an inscription that read,

“This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there
reviled Jesus, saying,
“Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.”
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
“Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal.”
Then he said,
“Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom.”
He replied to him,
“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon
and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.
Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;

and when he had said this he breathed his last.

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he
breathed his last he said,
“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

When it was evening,
there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph,
who was himself a disciple of Jesus.
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;
then Pilate ordered it to be handed over.
Taking the body,
Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen
and laid it in his new tomb
that he had hewn in the rock.
Then he rolled a huge stone
across the entrance to the tomb and departed.