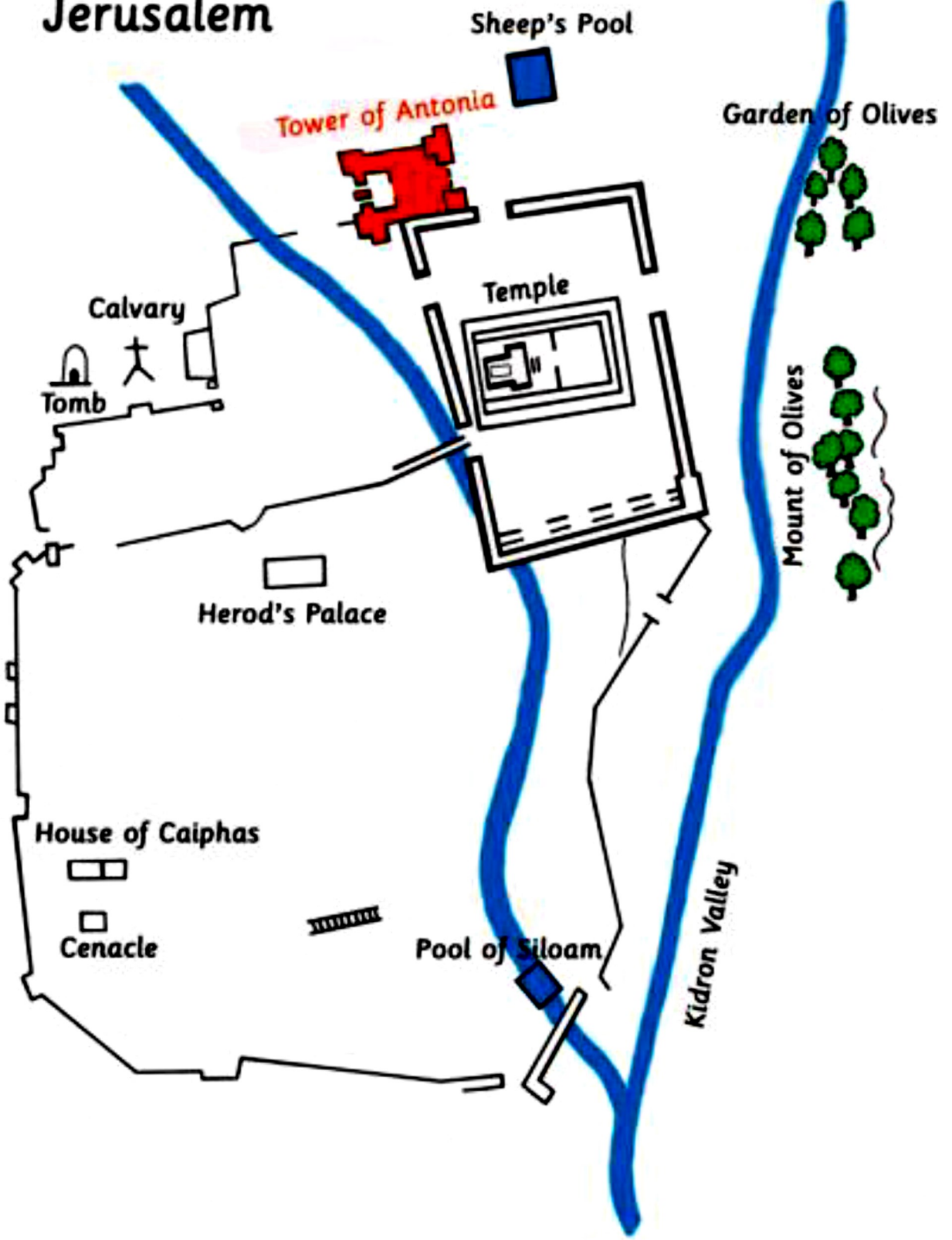




**THE TRIAL
BEFORE
PILATE
(2ND PART)**

JOHN 19:4-16

Jerusalem



Once more Pilate went out and said to them,
“Look, I am bringing him out to you,
so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”

So Jesus came out,
wearing the crown of thorns
and the purple cloak.

And he said to them, “Behold, the man!”

When the chief priests
and the guards saw him they cried out,
“Crucify him, crucify him!”

Pilate said to them,
“Take him yourselves and crucify him.
I find no guilt in him.”

The Jews answered,
“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die,
because he made himself the Son of God.”

Now when Pilate heard this statement,
he became even more afraid,
and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus,
“Where are you from?”
Jesus did not answer him.
So Pilate said to him,
“Do you not speak to me?
Do you not know that I have power to release you
and I have power to crucify you?”

Jesus answered [him],
“You would have no power over me
if it had not been given to you from above.
For this reason the one who handed me over to you
has the greater sin.”
Consequently, Pilate tried to release him;
but the Jews cried out,
“If you release him,
you are not a Friend of Caesar.
Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out
and seated him on the judge's bench
in the place called Stone Pavement,
in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

It was preparation day for Passover,
and it was about noon.
And he said to the Jews,
“Behold, your king!”

They cried out,
“Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!”
Pilate said to them,
“Shall I crucify your king?”

The chief priests answered,
“We have no king but Caesar.”
Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.*