

Evangelical United Lutheran Presents: Jerusalem Market Place

In Gen. 10:16, Joshua 15:8, 18:28, & Judges 19:10 we read that Jebus is Jerusalem. The Jebusite tribe of Canaan was living there when Abraham arrived. How did Jebus, located a mile south of the peak of Mount Moriah, grow from a village to eleven acres and a population of 3,000? Jebus had its very own water source, the Spring of Gihon. Gihon means "bursting forth." This life giving spring was located in a large natural cave.

David became king of Israel in 1000 B.C. He ruled in Hebron, 12 mls. south of Jebus for 7 yrs. In 993 the king and his army marched into Jebus to attack the Jebusites.(2 Samuel 5:6) When King David captured the city, it became the City of David, fortress of Zion. The walls of the city were 8 ft. thick, formed of boulders. King David built on top of these old walls to make his small citadel.

Earliest remaining walls date back to 3000 B.C. when the city was known as Salem. (Gen. 14:18) Hezekiah's reign as King brought growth to the thriving city as population grew to 25,000 and acres to 125-150 acres.(Isaiah 22:10)



Locate the apartment house at the top of the red stone steps. In excavations in 1969-1983, apartment homes were discovered from King Hezekiah's reign. Well-to-do families often lived in two-story, four room houses. The courtyard where animals were kept was on the ground floor with the kitchen. Families slept upstairs, walls were built of uncut stone & covered with plaster. Some floors were covered with crushed chalk. This is the Western Hill of Jerusalem, expanded by Hezekiah in the first temple period. (2 Chronicles 32:5)



Locate the Samaritan woman at the well. (John 4:1-42) The Hebrew word for well is be-ayr (or beer) in the Old Testament. Isaac dug a well of Rehoboth as he separated himself from the Philistines (Genesis 26:22)



Locate the Market Place.

Cardo Maximus Street forms a cross with Decumanus Street. This is the heart of Jerusalem, the Cardo. This is the foundation for the modern Jewish Quarter. What was sold in the Market Place? Items sold include: walnuts, olives, figs, carob, dates, grains, greens, stone measuring vessels, meats, fish, breads, wine, perfume jars, herbs, birds, animals, fruit, arrows, weaving supplies, dyeing supplies, cloth, clothing, combs, needles, leather sandals, clay oil lamps, baskets, jugs, dishes, etc.



Locate the Upper Room.

The washing of the feet, the Last Supper (Matthew 26:20) took place here on Mount Zion outside of Jerusalem.(John 13:1)





Locate the Garden of Gethsemane.

Gethsemane means “olive press.” Jesus prayed with His disciples here before he was arrested. (Luke 22:39-46) The Triumphal Entry of Jesus riding on a Donkey and her colt into Jerusalem took place over and down the Mount of Olives (Luke 19:28-44). Peter struck the servant of the high priest with a sword and cut off his ear (Luke 22:49-51). Find: Aloe, Mustard, Date Palm, Lavender, red Lilies and Hyssop.



Locate the Sea of Galilee. This

harp shaped lake in northern Palestine measures 13 miles in length and 7 1/2 miles at the widest point. The water can be as deep as 150 feet, and the circumference is 32 mls.

It is also called the Sea of Gennesaret, the Sea of Kinnereth, and the Sea of Tiberias (John 6:1, 21:1). Here Jesus called the first four disciples—Peter Andrew, James, and John...from their fishing nets. (Matthew 4:18-22) Today fresh water bass and comb fish are known as “Peter’s fish.” The lake contains more than 200 types of edible fish. Here Jesus calmed the storm (Mark 4:35-41) and walked on water. (Mark 6:45-56) During Christ’s time nine cities existed around the lake. Money needed to pay taxes obtained from inside a fish. (Matthew 17:24-27)





Locate Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree. (Luke 19:1-10)



Locate the tent and camel. Many people were nomads with tents made of animal skins, woven goat hair or camel hair. Paul made tents from goat hair to make money while he taught about Jesus.



Locate the Temple. The building of the first Temple(957-950B.C) included a royal palace for King Solomon & public buildings. The temple depicted here is a model of what the second Temple may have looked like in Jesus' life time. This temple is also known as Herod's temple and sometimes as the Third temple. Jesus would have walked down marble streets on his way to Herod's Temple.(Luke 2:22-38,41-52) (It was built after Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The Babylonians burned the first temple, and every building in Jerusalem Nehemiah rebuilt the city in 52 days.)(Neh 1:1.) Some of the huge stones were 20-30 ft. in length & 3-6 ft. in ht. They were placed without mortar-some stones weighing 40-80 tons. The Wailing Wall today is a portion of this wall.

Locate the temple columns. The temple platform was surrounded with huge support walls. The famous Royal Porch had four rows of 162 gleaming white marble columns. The Nicanor Gate on the east was made of Corinthian brass from Greece.

