# The Hour has Come: John 17

When Jesus had spoken these things he lifted his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify your son, that the son may glorify you. Just as you gave the son sovereignty over all flesh, in order that he may grant ageless life to all whom you have entrusted to him. This is that everlasting life – knowing you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you entrusted to me.

Now glorify us together, Father, with the glory which I had with you before creation existed. I manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the created realm; They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. They have come to understand everything you have given to me is from you. The teachings you committed to me I have given to them; and they received them and have come to truly know that I flowed forth out of you – they believe that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for all creation, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All that is mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

I am no longer to be in this created realm, but they remain in this creation. Keep them in your name—the name you have given me—so that they may be one, just as we are one. While I was with them, I watched over them in your name, and not one was lost (destroyed – ruined), except that son of perdition, to fulfill the scriptures. But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking about these things in the world so that they may have my full gladness within themselves. I have given them your word, and the world loathes them, for they are not of this creation just as I am of this realm.

I am not asking you to remove them from this world, but that you keep them from Evil. They are not of this creation just as I am not of this creation. Purify them (imperfect active) in the truth; your word is truth. As you commissioned me into this world I am sending them into the world. For their sakes I purify (ἁγιάζω present active - *make holy, consecrate, sanctify*; things set apart for sacred purposes - *dedicate*) myself, so that they may be purified (participle perfect passive) in reality. I do not ask on their behalf alone, but for those who will believe in me through their word; that they may be one (as you Father are in me and I am in you, that they may be in us – then the world will believe that you sent me.

The glory you have given to me I give to them; so that they may be one, just as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that they may be absolutely in oneness, that creation may know that you sent me, and love them, just as you love me. Father, my desire is that they, whom you gave me, may be where I am, so that they may behold my glory, which you gave to me, for you loved me before the founding of the cosmos.

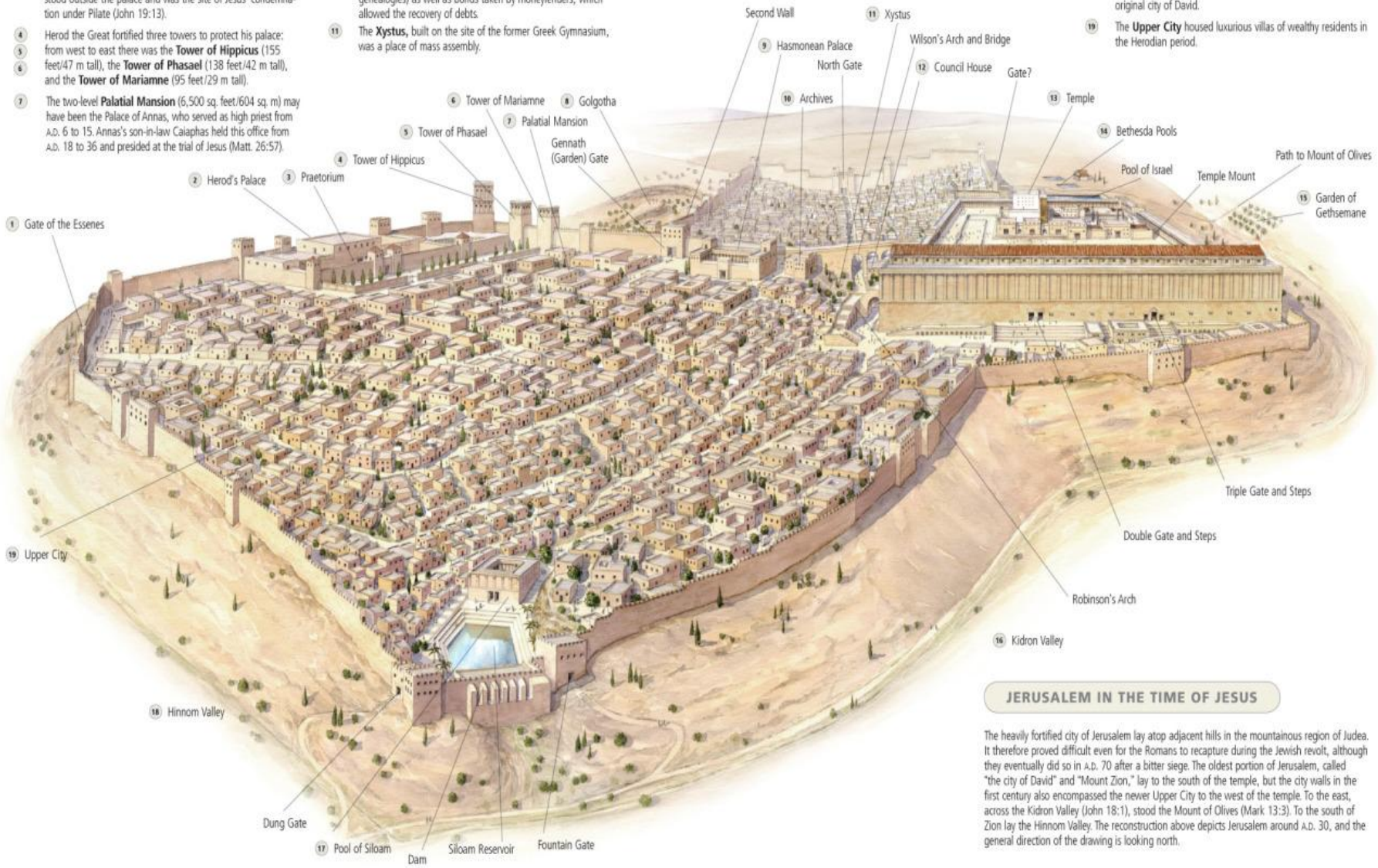
O righteous Father, although the world has not recognized you, I have known you; and these know that you sent me; and I have made your name known to them I will make it known; that the love that you have in me may be in them, as I may be in them.

John 17:9-10 *I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; Everything I have belongs to you, and everything you have belongs to me, and I have been glorified by them.*

John 17:15 *My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from evil.*

John 17:20 *"I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they will all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me.*

1. The **Gate of the Essenes** allowed the Essenes to access latrines outside the city walls in accordance with their strict laws of hygiene.
2. **Herod's Palace** was the Jerusalem home of Herod the Great from 23 to 4 B.C. Pilate, who normally resided in Caesarea Maritima, resided in this palace during his visits to Jerusalem, including his visit for the Passover preceding Christ's crucifixion.
3. The **Praetorium** was in Herod's Palace (Matt. 27:27; Mark 15:16), which served as Pilate's official headquarters and as a fortress. A raised stone pavement, used for official judgments, stood outside the palace and was the site of Jesus' condemnation under Pilate (John 19:13).
4. Herod the Great fortified three towers to protect his palace:
5. from west to east there was the **Tower of Hippicus** (155
6. feet/47 m tall), the **Tower of Phasael** (138 feet/42 m tall), and the **Tower of Mariamne** (95 feet/29 m tall).
7. The two-level **Palatial Mansion** (6,500 sq. feet/604 sq. m) may have been the Palace of Annas, who served as high priest from A.D. 6 to 15. Annas's son-in-law Caiaphas held this office from A.D. 18 to 36 and presided at the trial of Jesus (Matt. 26:57).
8. This is often considered the most likely location of **Golgotha,** the place of Jesus' death. It was on a hill overlooking a quarry, outside the Second Wall of the city and near the Gennath (Garden) Gate.
9. Herod the Great lived in the luxurious **Hasmonean Palace** from the mid-30s to 23 B.C. while awaiting the building of his own new palace. Herod Antipas ("Herod the Tetrarch") lived in this palace during his reign, 4 B.C.–A.D. 39. Jesus appeared before him here in either A.D. 30 or 33.
10. The **Archives** building contained the public registers (including genealogies) as well as bonds taken by moneylenders, which allowed the recovery of debts.
11. The **Xystus,** built on the site of the former Greek Gymnasium, was a place of mass assembly.
12. The **Council House** was a public building, perhaps functioning as a municipal office.
13. **The Temple** was reconstructed by Herod the Great, beginning in 20/19 B.C.
14. The **Bethesda Pools** (see John 5:2) were twin pools, each measuring c. 312 by 164–196 feet (95 by 50–60 m), and c. 50 feet (15 m) deep. A small Roman temple dedicated to Aesculapius stood to the east of the pools.
15. The **Garden of Gethsemane** was located approximately 300 yards (274 m) from Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. The Mount of Olives was "a Sabbath day's journey away" from Jerusalem (Acts 1:12), approximately 1,100 yards, or 3/5 of a mile.
16. The ravine of the **Kidron Valley** has always served as Jerusalem's eastern boundary.
17. The **Pool of Siloam** (cf. John 9:7), a focal point of Jerusalem, adjoined a large dam and reservoir, and received water from the Gihon Spring.
18. The **Hinnom Valley** was to the south of the hill that was the original city of David.
19. The **Upper City** housed luxurious villas of wealthy residents in the Herodian period.




## JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS

The heavily fortified city of Jerusalem lay atop adjacent hills in the mountainous region of Judea. It therefore proved difficult even for the Romans to recapture during the Jewish revolt, although they eventually did so in A.D. 70 after a bitter siege. The oldest portion of Jerusalem, called "the city of David" and "Mount Zion," lay to the south of the temple, but the city walls in the first century also encompassed the newer Upper City to the west of the temple. To the east, across the Kidron Valley (John 18:1), stood the Mount of Olives (Mark 13:3). To the south of Zion lay the Hinnom Valley. The reconstruction above depicts Jerusalem around A.D. 30, and the general direction of the drawing is looking north.