

OLD JERUSALEM

ISRAEL TODAY

'Green Line'
1967 border



'City of Peace'

Known in Hebrew as *Yerushalayim* – 'City of Peace' – and in Arabic as *El-Quds* – 'The Shrine', Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, seat of the Knesset (the Israeli parliament) and Holy City of three of the world's major religions. The Old City in east Jerusalem is the location of the **Wailing Wall**, the holiest site in Jewry. Christians worship the scenes of the judgement, crucifixion and entombment of Christ at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, and Muslims regard Jerusalem as the third holiest city after Mecca and Medina. For Muslims the holiest sites are the **Dome of the Rock** and the **El Aqsa Mosque**.

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The 'Street of Sorrows' down which Jesus carried the cross to Golgotha – 'the place of the skull'

Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Site of Christ's crucifixion, entombment and resurrection

Dome of the Rock

Covers the 'holy rock' – the place from which the prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven

Muslim quarter

Temple Mount

Mount of Olives

El Aqsa Mosque

Mohammed ends his journey from Medina prior to his ascension to heaven

Wailing Wall

Sole remains of Temple where Jesus challenged the authorities, leading to his arrest

Christian quarter

Jewish quarter

Armenian quarter

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The Stations of the Cross

- 1 Pontius Pilate condemns Jesus to death by crucifixion
- 2 Jesus begins his journey carrying the cross-piece of the Cross
- 3 Jesus falls for the first time
- 4 Jesus meets his mother
- 5 Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the Cross

- 6 Veronica hands Jesus her headscarf to wipe his brow
- 7 Jesus falls for the second time
- 8 Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem
- 9 Jesus falls for the third time
- 10 Jesus is disrobed

- 11 Jesus is crucified
- 12 Jesus dies on the Cross
- 13 Jesus' body is taken down from the Cross
- 14 Jesus' body is laid in the tomb