

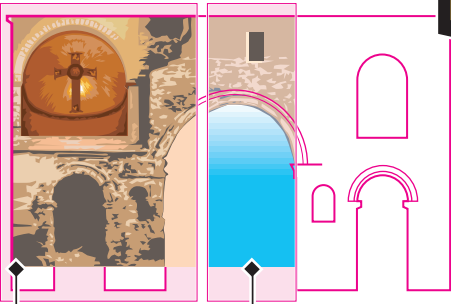
The Way of the Cross – footsteps of Jesus

First Station of the Cross

Pontius Pilate, Roman Procurator, condemns Jesus to death. The Place of Judgement, the **Praetorium**, was in Pilate's residence at a "place paved with stone". Three locations have been proposed

Second

Jesus takes up the Cross. Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd proclaiming, "Behold the Man!" Two sections survive today of the **Ecce Homo Arch (B)** – built by Emperor Hadrian in the second century AD

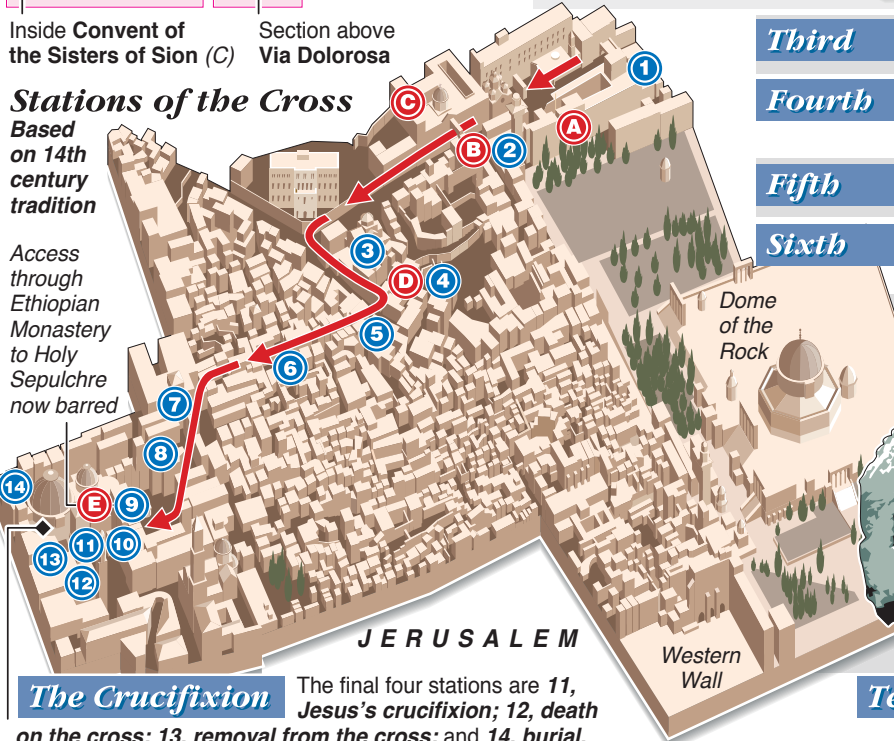


Inside Convent of the Sisters of Sion (C) Section above Via Dolorosa

Stations of the Cross

Based on 14th century tradition

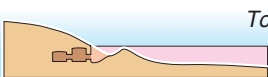
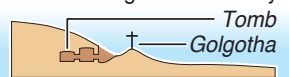
Access through Ethiopian Monastery to Holy Sepulchre now barred



The Crucifixion

The final four stations are 11, **Jesus's crucifixion**; 12, **death on the cross**; 13, **removal from the cross**; and 14, **burial**. Some pilgrims assign a 15th station to **Jesus's resurrection**

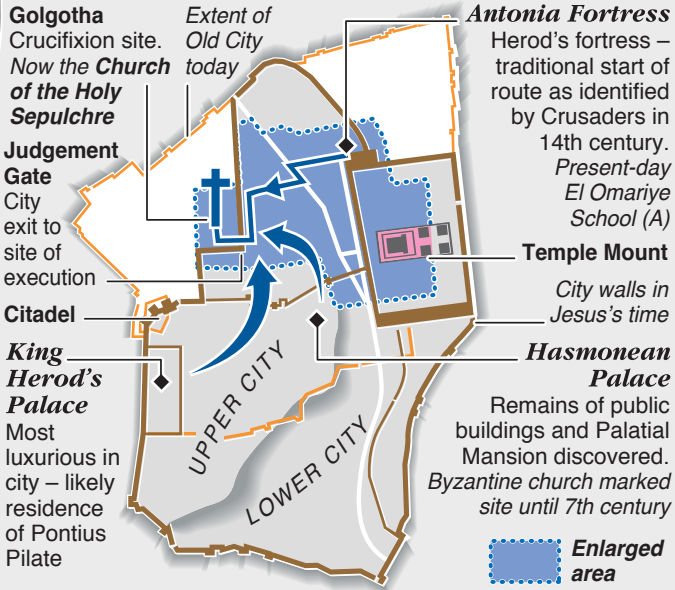
Golgotha: Site outside ancient city walls served as stone quarry, execution and burial site from 1000BC, corroborating its authenticity



33AD Crucifixion of Jesus	70AD Jewish Revolt: Romans destroy city	135AD Reconstruction: Hadrian has ground levelled to build Temple of Aphrodite	323AD Byzantine period Under Emperor Constantine, becomes Christian city	1149AD Crusader period: Church restored and dedicated after Christians recapture city, ending 400 years of Muslim rule
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The Way of the Cross, or **Via Dolorosa**, marks Jesus' final path through the streets of Jerusalem to his Crucifixion. With the Gospels as our only guide, however, the precise route has for centuries remained the subject of archaeological and religious debate

Locating the Praetorium – alternative sites



Third

Jesus falls for the first time under the weight of the Cross

Fourth

Jesus meets his mother. Now an Armenian church (D) – Mary's sandal prints in crypt

Fifth

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus. Jesus' handprint on nearby wall

Sixth

Veronica wipes Jesus's face. True image (*vera icon*) left imprinted on her handkerchief

Seventh

Jesus falls for a second time

Eighth

Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem. Marked with a cross and Greek inscription **NIKA**, meaning victory

Ninth

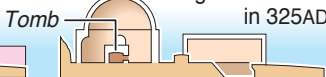
Jesus falls for a third time. Gate of Coptic Patriarchate (E)

Tenth

Jesus is stripped of his garments

Golgotha and the tomb of Christ

Constantine's Basilica: Jesus's tomb uncovered during construction in 325AD



Church of the Holy Sepulchre Basilica and chapels united under one roof

