

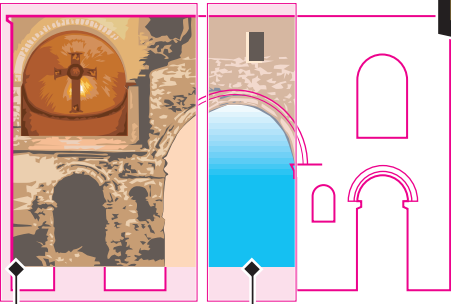
# The Way of the Cross – footsteps of Jesus

## 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

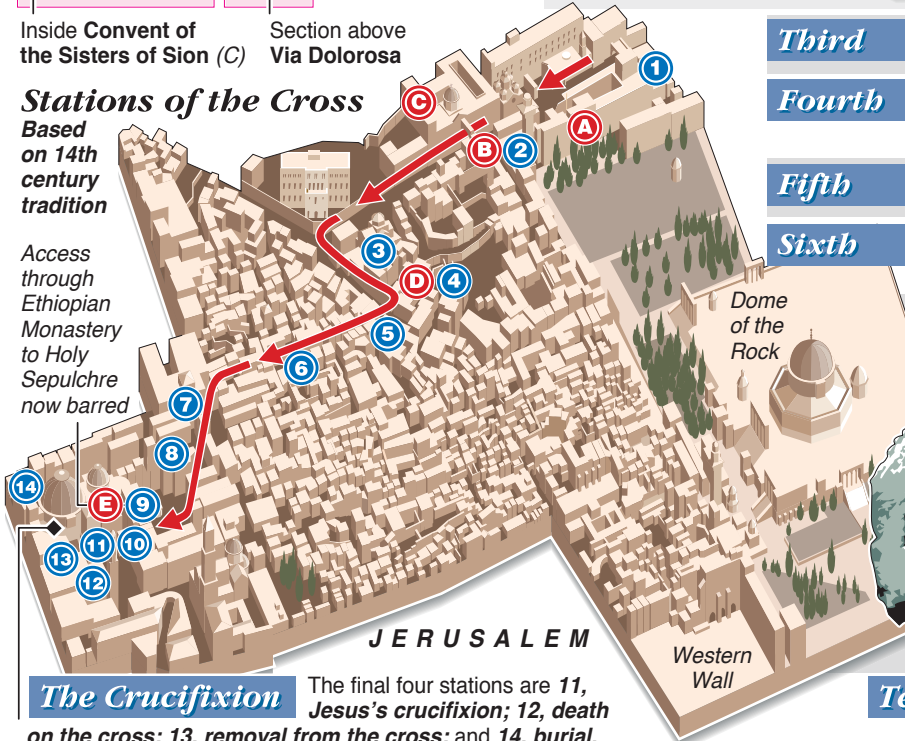


Inside Convent of the Sisters of Sion (C) Section above Via Dolorosa

## Stations of the Cross

Based on 14th century tradition

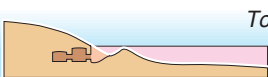
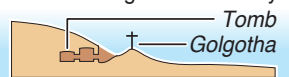
Access through Ethiopian Monastery to Holy Sepulchre now barred



## The Crucifixion

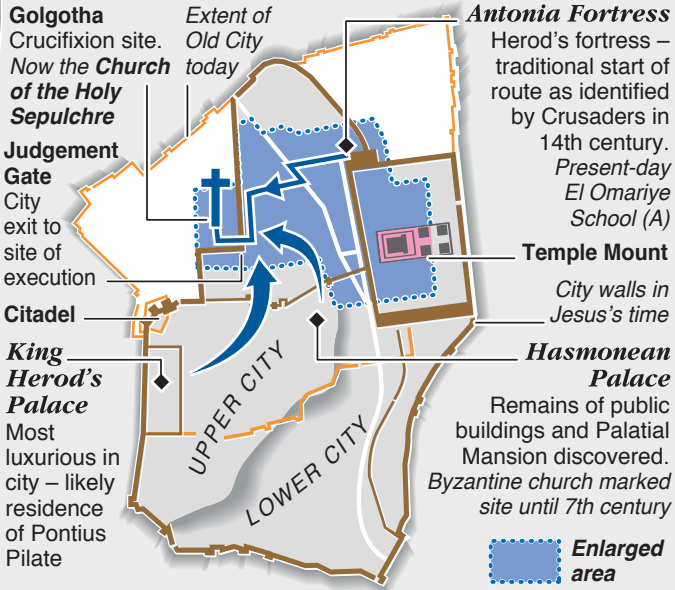
The final four stations are 11, **Jesus's crucifixion**; 12, **death on the cross**; 13, **removal from the cross**; and 14, **burial**. Some pilgrims assign a 15th station to **Jesus's resurrection**

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



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**

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**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)

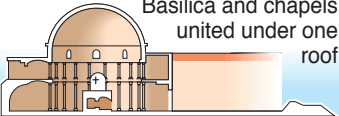
## Tenth

**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



33AD <b>Crucifixion of Jesus</b>	70AD Jewish <b>Revolt:</b> 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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