

BELIEVE

The Gospel of **John**

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**In Eden, Adam chose rebellion
and death. In Gethsemane, Jesus
chose surrender and life.**

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

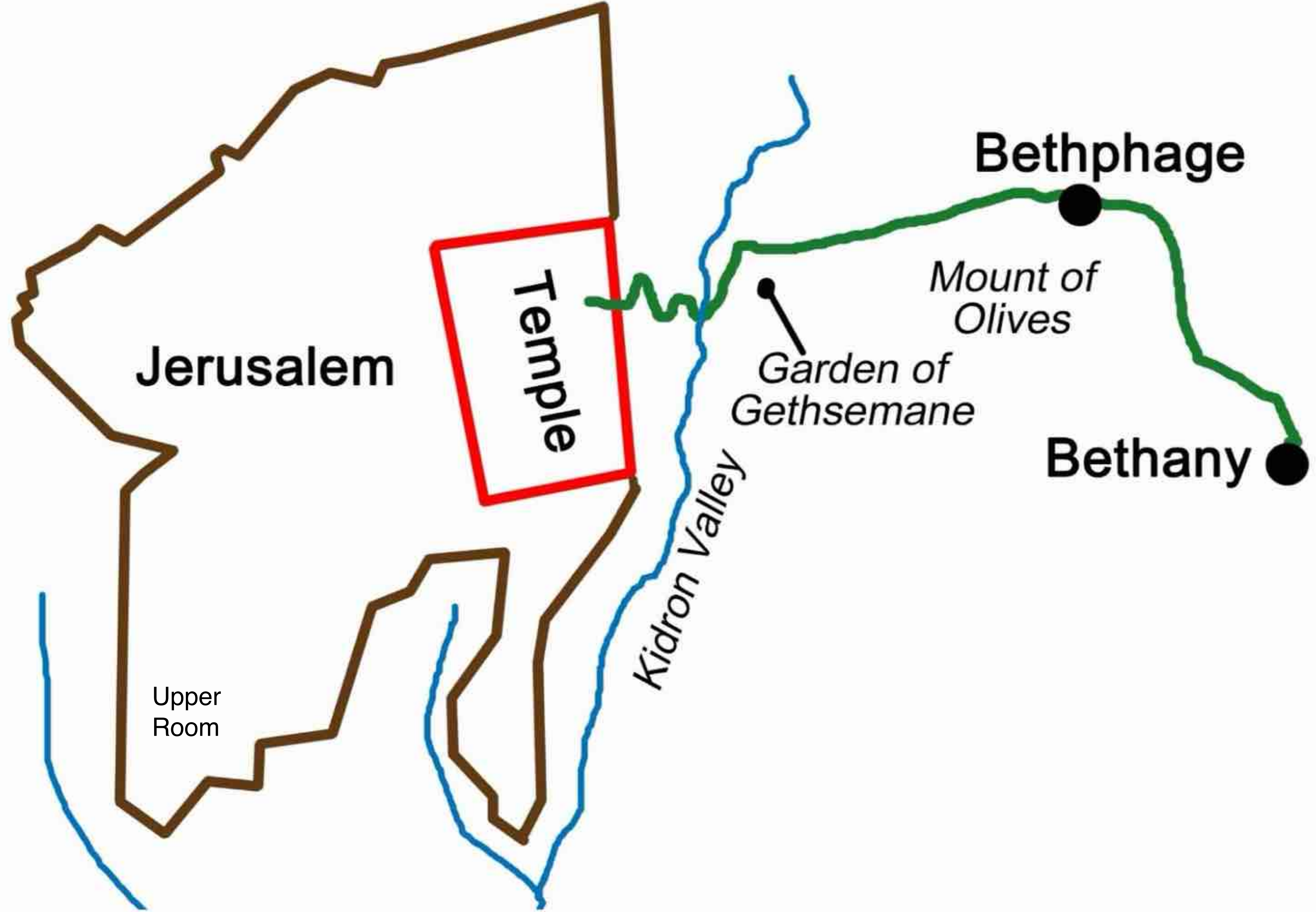
⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

John 18:4-6 ESV



⁷ So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.”

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" ¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.



Jerusalem

Temple

Upper Room

Kidron Valley

Garden of Gethsemane

Mount of Olives

Bethphage

Bethany

God in the Garden

I. The Power of Jesus

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a. Jesus in control

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but **I lay it down of my own accord.** I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:53 ESV



²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the **definite plan and foreknowledge of God**, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.



Implications

1. You can trust Him completely
2. Your life is secure in His hands
3. You don't have to fear the future
4. You can let go of worry

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Application

1. Jesus is in control, so I don't have to be.

I. The Power of Jesus

a. Jesus in control

b. The Divine name

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am.**”

John 8:58 ESV



This relates the great power that Jesus breathed with a single word, that we might learn that the ungodly had no power over him except so far as He permitted. He replies mildly that it is He whom they seek, and yet, as if they had been struck by a violent hurricane, or rather by lightning, He prostrates them on the ground.

John Calvin



Application

1. Jesus is in control, so I don't have to be.
- 2. Trust in the name of Jesus**

God in the Garden

I. The Power of Jesus

II. The Rejection of Jesus

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a. Rejected by the world

³ He was **despised and rejected by men**,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:3 ESV



⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ **He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him**

II. The Rejection of Jesus

- a. Rejected by the world
- b. Rejected by his friends

⁹ Even my **close friend** in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

Psalm 41:9 ESV



⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you **betray the Son of Man with a kiss?**”

Luke 22:47–48 ESV



Application

1. Jesus is in control, so I don't have to be.
2. Trust in the name of Jesus
- 3. Jesus understands betrayal and loneliness**

God in the Garden

- I. The Power of Jesus
- II. The Rejection of Jesus
- III. The Substitution of Jesus

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a. Jesus accepts the cup

⁸ For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,
and all the wicked of the earth
shall drain it down to the dregs.

Cup of Wrath

1. Justice demands accountability
2. God's wrath protects what he loves
3. Love fights against evil.

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, **let this cup pass from me**; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

In the strange mercy of God the cup of his righteous wrath is given into the hands, not of his enemies, but of his beloved Son. And he will drink it, down to the dregs until the moment comes when 'I thirst' gives place to 'It is finished'.

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III. The Substitution of Jesus

- a. Jesus accepts the cup
- b. Jesus takes our place

²¹ For our sake **he made him to be sin** who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV



⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6 ESV



Category	Eden (Adam)	Gethsemane (Jesus)
Trust	Failed to Trust (Gen. 3:1-6)	Fully Submitted (Matt. 26:39)
Sacrifice	Self-preservation (Gen. 3:6)	Self-Sacrifice (Matt. 26:42)
Sin	Ushered in Sin and Death (Rom. 5:12)	Prepared to bear the weight of sin (Matt. 26:38)
Courage	Hid in fear (Gen. 3:8-10)	Stepped forward in Courage (Jn. 18:4)
Seeking	God sought Adam (Gen. 3:9)	Jesus sought the Father for us (Lk. 22:42)
Judgment	Justice demanded judgment (Gen. 3:17-19)	Jesus accepted the Judgement of sin (Mk. 14:36)

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Application

1. Jesus is in control, so I don't have to be.
2. Trust in the name of Jesus
3. Jesus understands betrayal and loneliness
- 4. Rest in Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice**