



The Lord Jesus Christ was born to serve, not to be served...



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Location of the area the Lord Jesus Christ ministered unto and performed miracles: Jerusalem was a city set in the hills of Judah, west of the Dead Sea.

The first and original name given to the City of Jerusalem in the Holy Bible was "Salem." It is recorded in the Old Testament, that the King of Salem was Melchizedek, "And Melchizedek King of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High." (Genesis 14:18).



- City of the Lord (60:14)
- City of Righteousness (1:26)
- One of Israel (60:14)
- Beulah (62:4)
- Lofty City (20:5)
- Tumultuous City (22:2)
- Hephzibah (62:4)
- Joyous City (22:2)
- Quiet Habitation (33:20)
- City of Our Solemnities (33:10)
- Holy City (52:1)

Prophet Jeremiah

- Habitant of the Valley (21:13)
- Rock of the Plain (21:13)
- City of Joy (49:25)
- Throne of God (3:17)

The Lord is our Righteousness (33:16),
City of Praise (49: 25)

Prophet Zechariah

- City of Truth (8:3)
- Holy Mountain (8:3)
- Cup of Staggering (12:2)

Jerusalem would come to be the most common, most frequently used name given to this region of Judah. The name "Jerusalem" is utilized approximately 656 times in the Old Testament. Further, the name "Jerusalem" is thought by most Biblical scholars to be derived from the Hebrew for "City of Peace."

In the Old Testament, Jerusalem was often described and referred to by many of the prophets as well in the Holy Psalms:

Prophet Ezekiel

- Aholibah (23:4)
- Gates of the People (26:2)
- The Lord is There (48:35)

Prophet Isaiah

- Faithful City (1:26)
- Mount of the Congregation (14:13)

Holy Psalms

- Beautiful of Elevation (48:2)
- City of God (46:4)
- Summit of the North (48:2)
- City that is Compact Together (122:3)
- Holy Mountain (48:1)
- Joy Of All the Earth (48:2)
- Perpetual Desolations (74:3)
- Sanctuary (20:2)

In the New Testament, Holy Scripture tells us the Lord Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil early



in His service in Jerusalem, “Then the devil took Him to the holy city, and set Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, ‘ If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, He will give His angels charge of You,’ and ‘ On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’ Jesus said to him, again it is written, ‘ You shall not tempt the Lord your God.” (Matthew 4:5)

The Lord Jesus Christ would again travel to Jerusalem. His traveling to Jerusalem would ultimately lead Him down the road to His Holy Crucifixion. The Lord Jesus Christ would enter Jerusalem riding a donkey and cast out the money changers from Temple. (Mark 11: 1-19) The Lord would have conflicts with the Jewish leaders, “Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.” (Matthew 21:15) He would give a discourse on the events of the end, how to prepare oneself, and the final judgment. The Lord Jesus Christ tells the multitudes the dead even now are living before God, “But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying ‘ I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” (Matthew 22: 32)

The Institution of the Eucharist was established in Jerusalem, “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said ‘ Take, eat, this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying ‘ Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the New Covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day

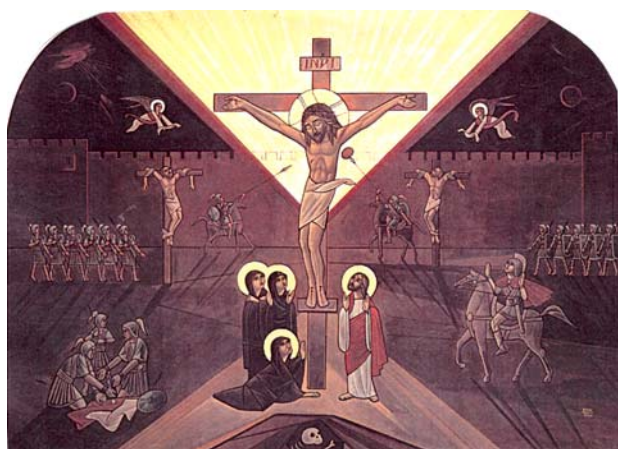


The Last Supper

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when I drink it new with you in My Father’s Kingdom.” (Matthew 26:26-29)

In Jerusalem the Lord Jesus Christ would be arrested, crucified, suffer an excruciating and shameful death, die and be buried. This would fulfill what the Lord spoke on His journey towards Jerusalem, “Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.” (Luke 13:33) Although the Lord Jesus Christ was speaking somewhat with irony, Jerusalem was



The Crucifixion

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certainly repudiated to be the site of judgment and persecution of God's prophets.

The Glorious Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ would occur in this famous city. The Lord Jesus Christ would be the First Fruits of the Perfect Resurrection. It was in the City of Jerusalem that the overcoming death by His Glorious Resurrection occurred so that we all might rise again, the righteous to live with the Lord Jesus Christ and those found unrighteous to eternal judgment.

St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians teaches of a "New Jerusalem." The New Jerusalem will be the center of the Kingdom of God which will be established following the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Last Judgment. The New Heavenly Jerusalem will replace the earthly City of David and was further described by St. Paul as, "The mother of us all." (Galatians 4:26)

Tertullian (c. 207) wrote concerning St. Paul's teachings, "This will be (after the Resurrection for a thousand years) in the divinely-built City of Jerusalem, which is 'let down from Heaven.' The apostle also calls it 'our mother from above.' And, by declaring that our citizenship is in Heaven, he indicates that it is really a city in Heaven. Ezekiel had knowledge of this, and the Apostle John beheld it."



The Glorious Resurrection

The Apostle St. John describes his vision of Heaven, the eternal Kingdom of God, revealed as a great city in His Holy Book of Revelation, "And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God." (21:10)

God Himself will complete the Heavenly and the earthly just as the New Covenant came to complete and fulfill the Old Covenant. The New Heavenly Jerusalem will complete the Old Jerusalem as the City of Perfect Peace.

Jerusalem represents the human spirit, "the Temple of God." Inside our souls the Lord Jesus Christ can either be crucified or glorified, so which Jerusalem are we? Are we the Old Jerusalem that crucified Him or the New Jerusalem that glorifies Him? The Psalmist said, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For He strengthens the bars of your gates (your senses); He blesses your sons (your virtues) within you. He makes peace in your borders (My peace I give to you); He fills you with the finest of wheat (Heavenly blessings)." (Psalm 147: 12-14)✠

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