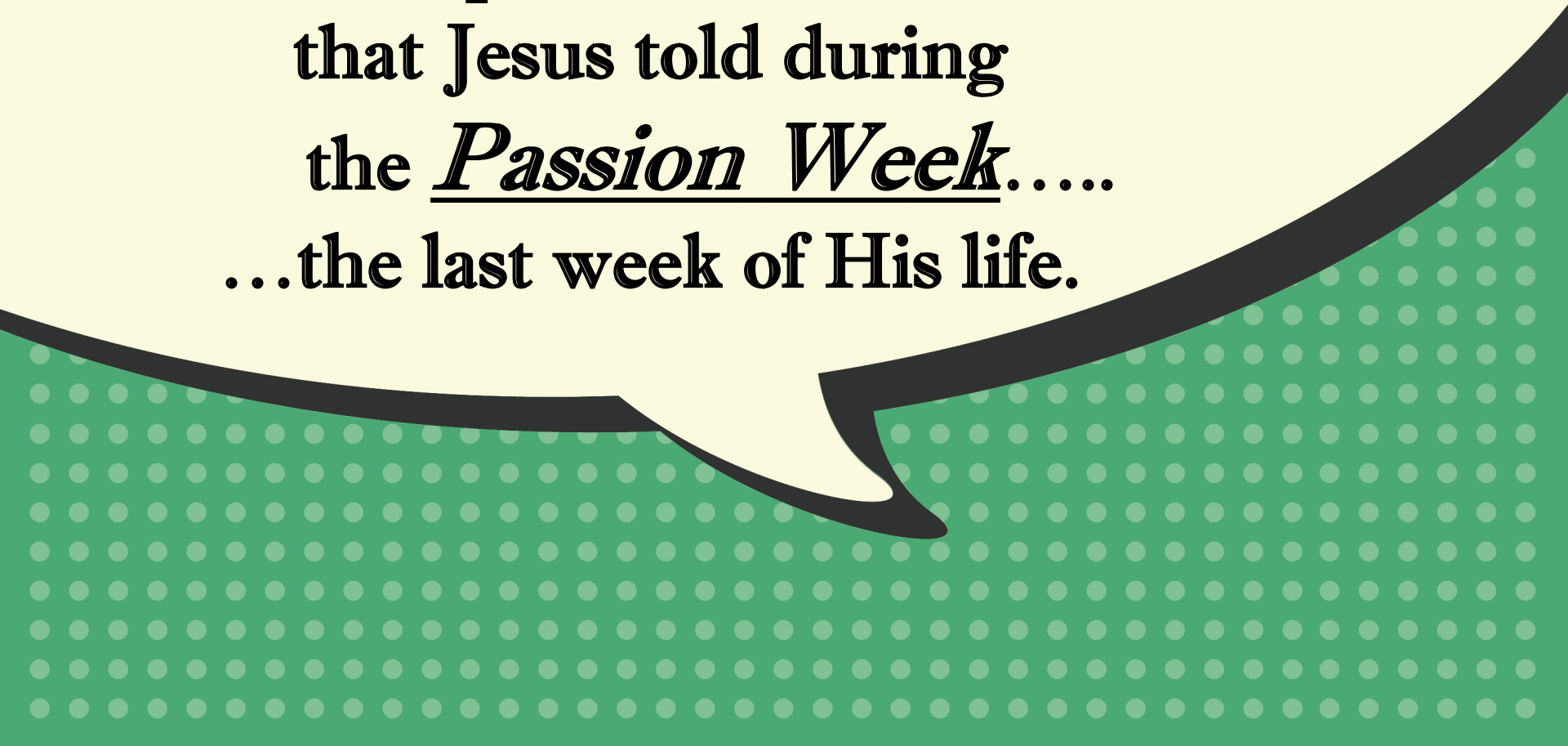


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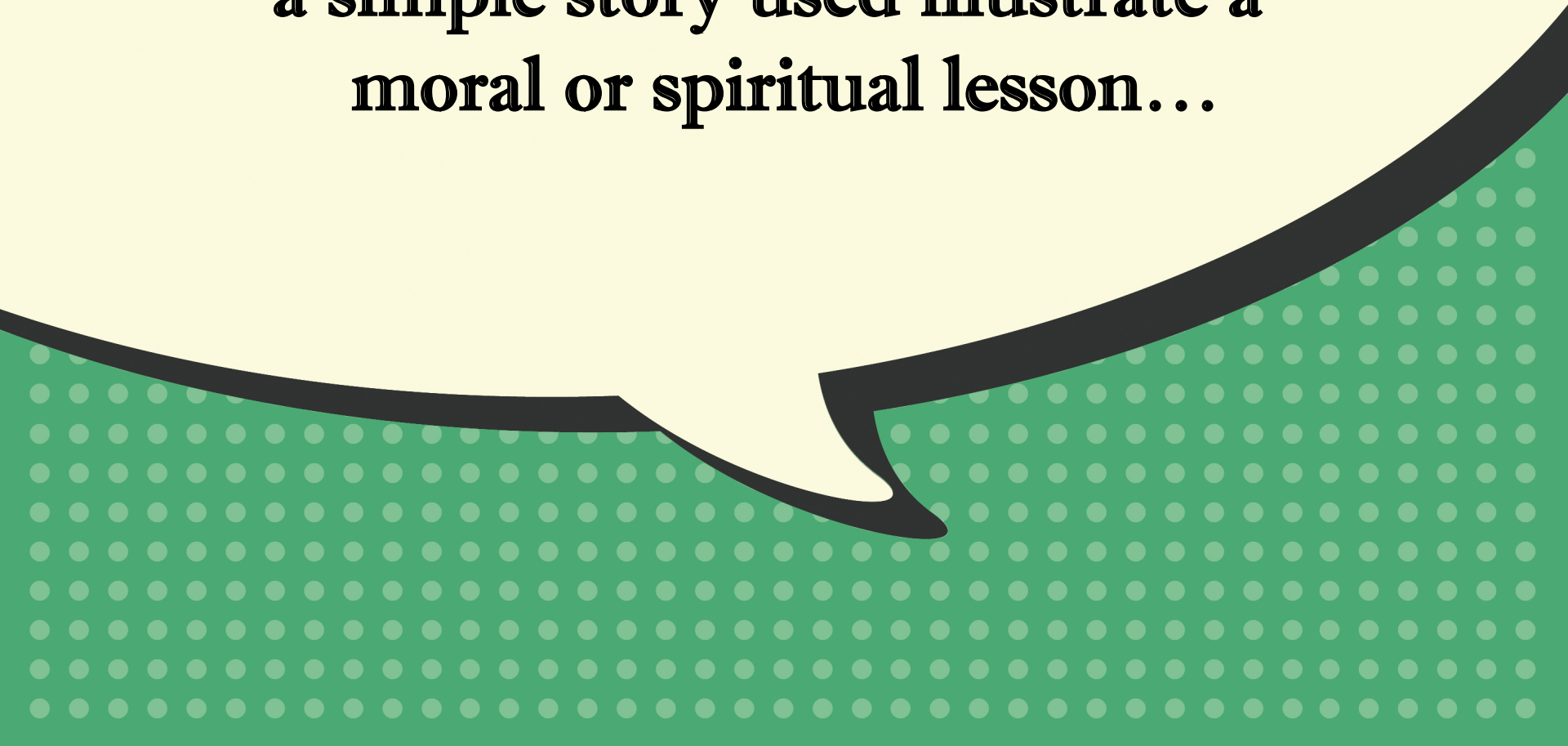


7 Parables in the  
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**16 and they said to Him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?””**

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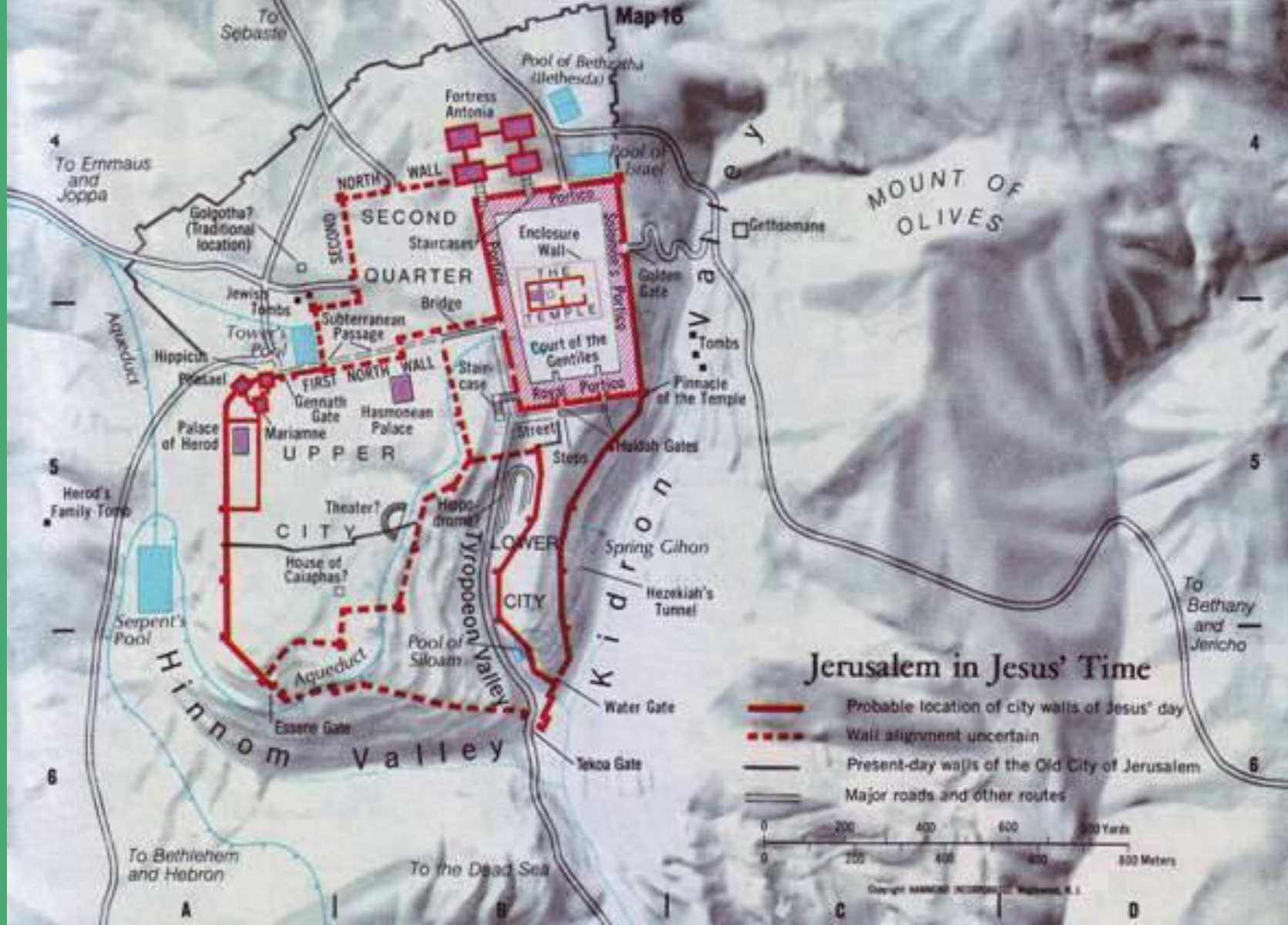
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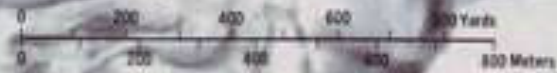


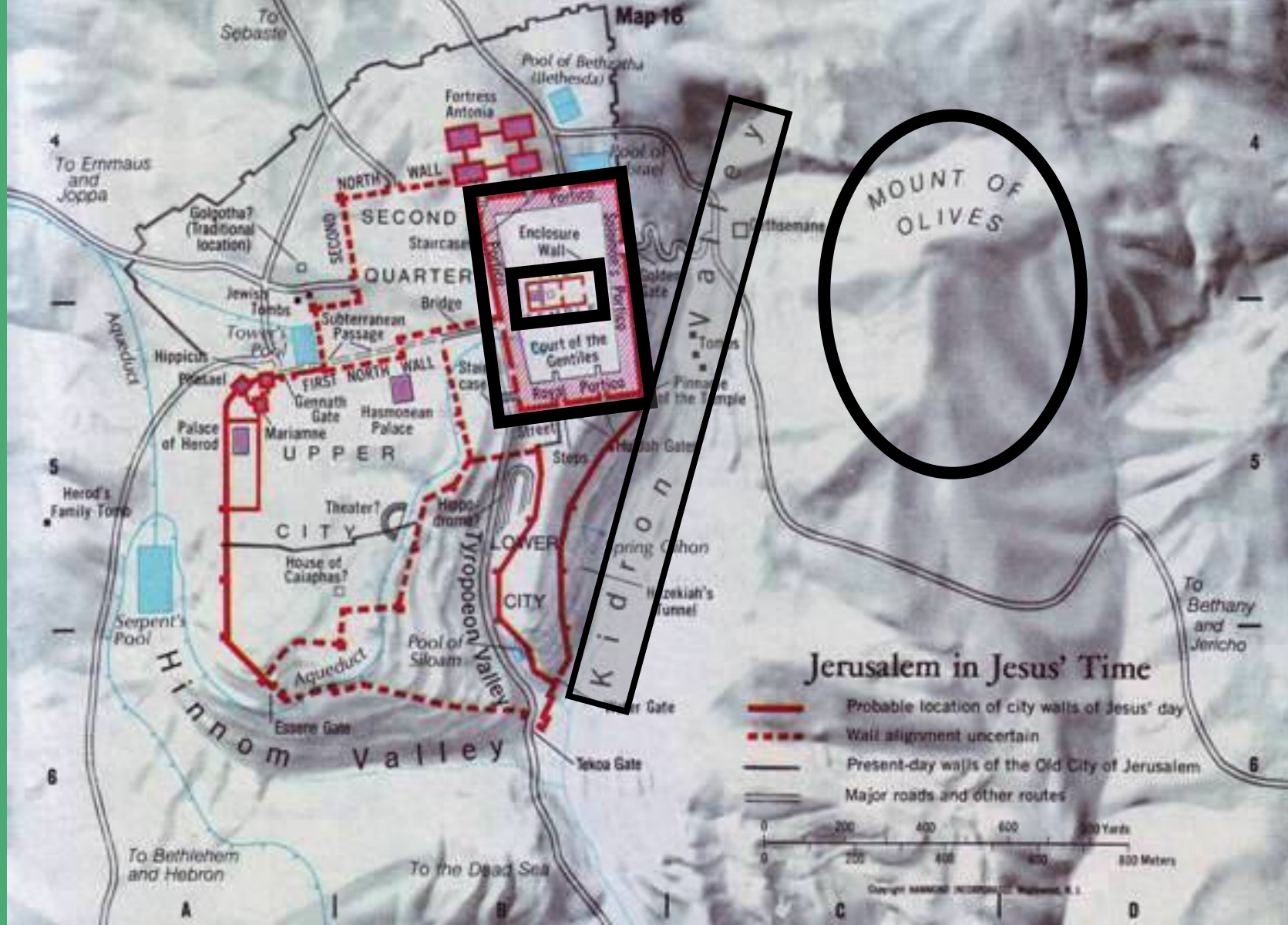


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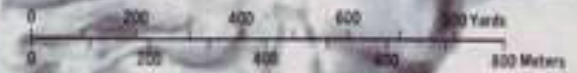


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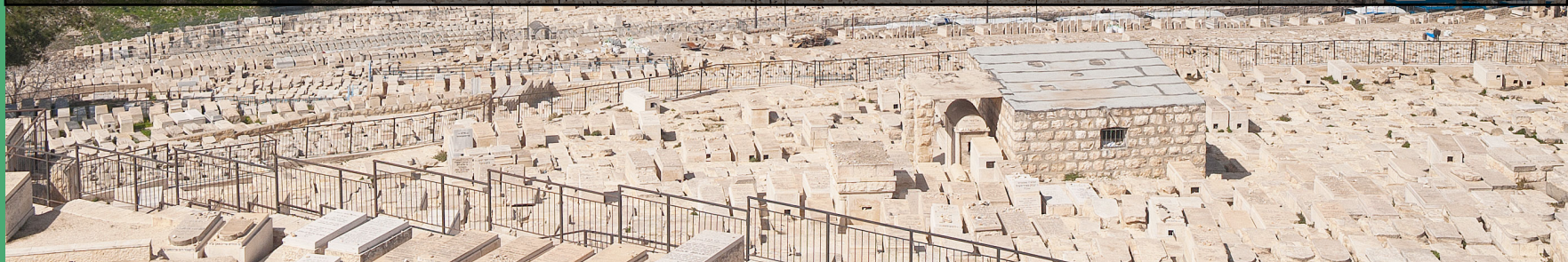


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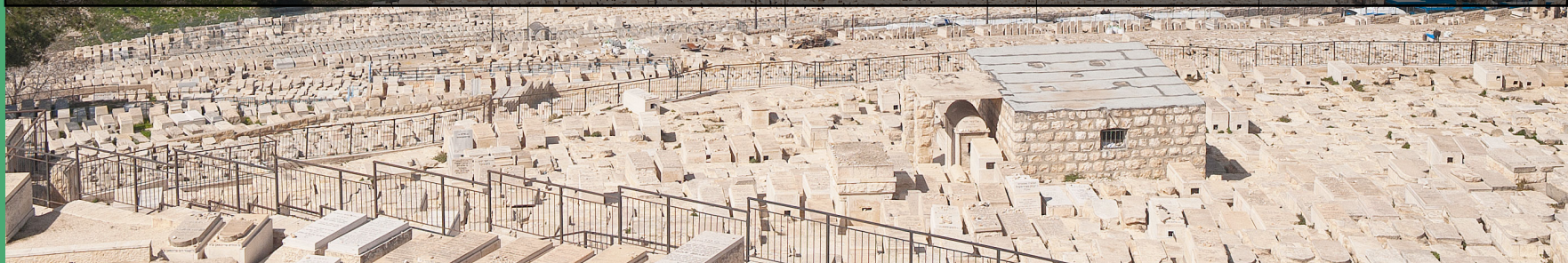
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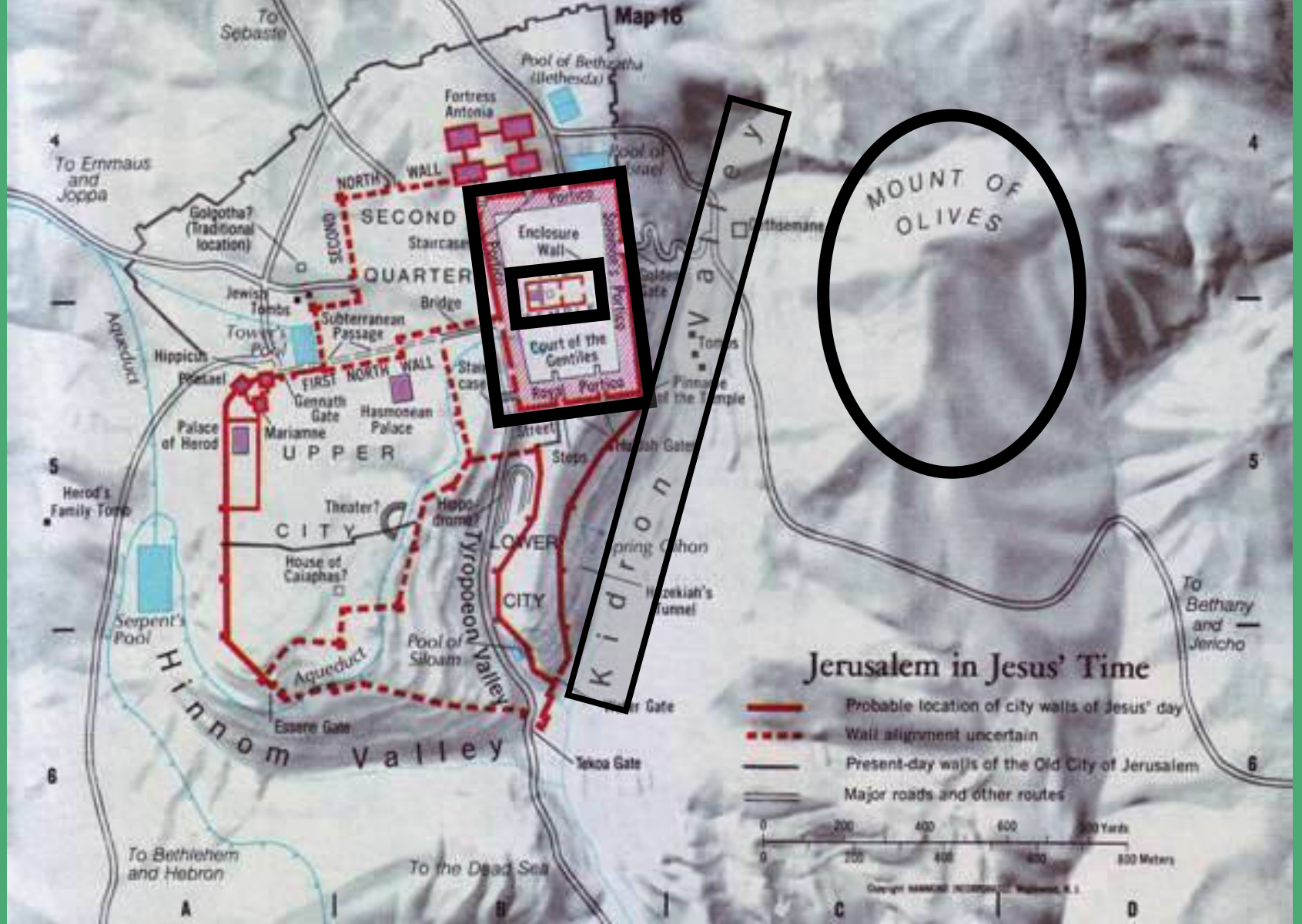






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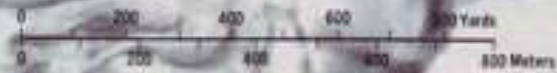


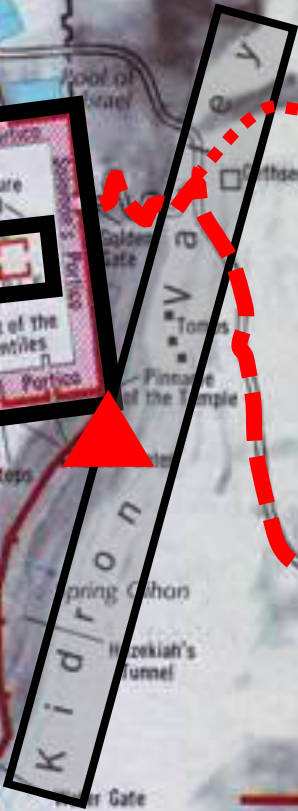
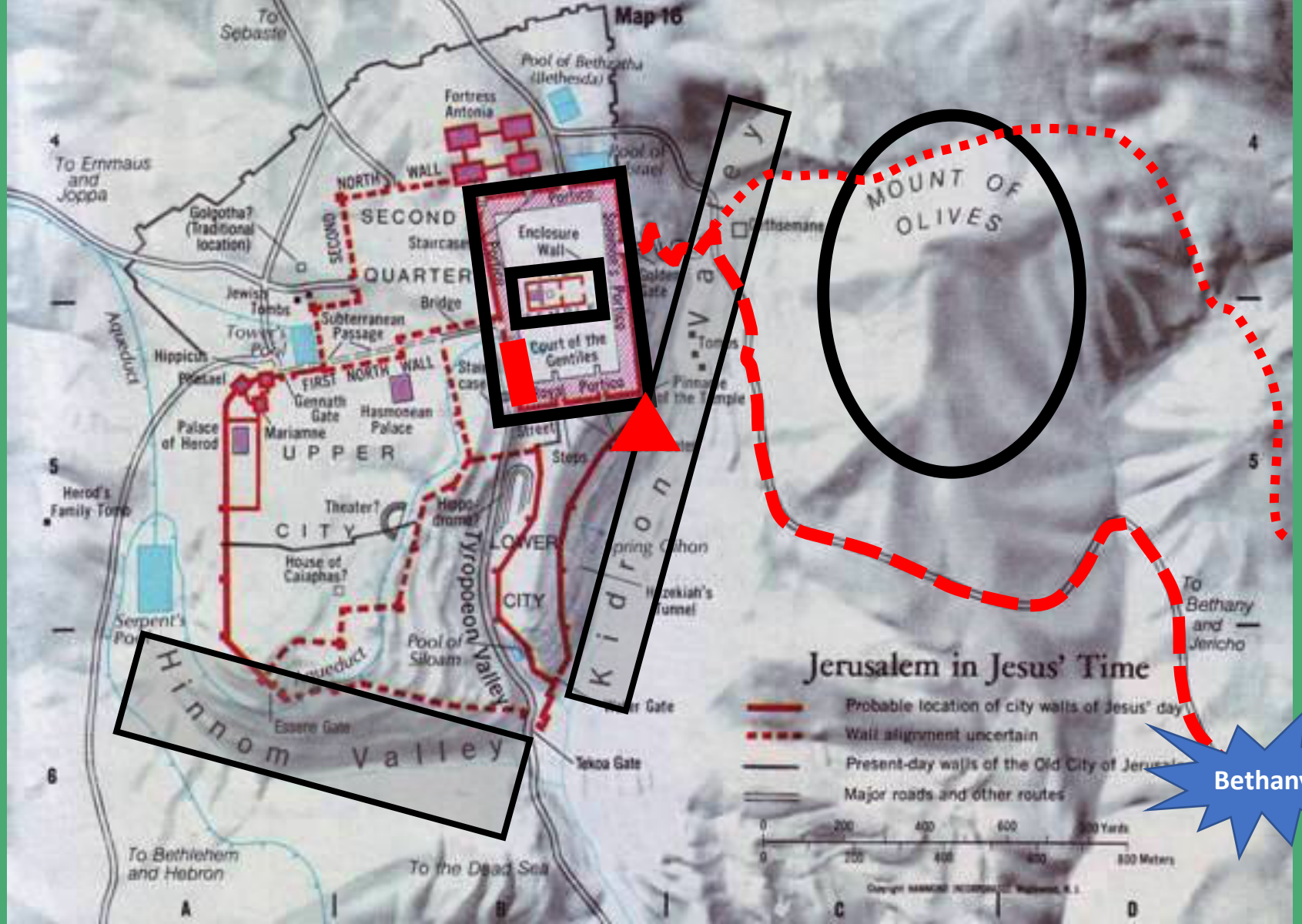
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20 When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying,  
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21 And Jesus answered them,  
*“Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain,  
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- Genuine faith.....I believe God...  
an actual trust and  
reliance that is evidential.

**SO...THEREFORE  
.....WHAT NOW?**

**What kind of faith describes your  
walk through life?**

**.....passive.....**

**.....hypocritical.....**

**.....genuine.....**



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# Genuine

## Galatians 5:19-25

Now the works of the flesh are evident; sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.



# Genuine

## Galatians 5:19-25

But the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.