

THE BOOK OF

ACTS

THE STORY CONTINUES

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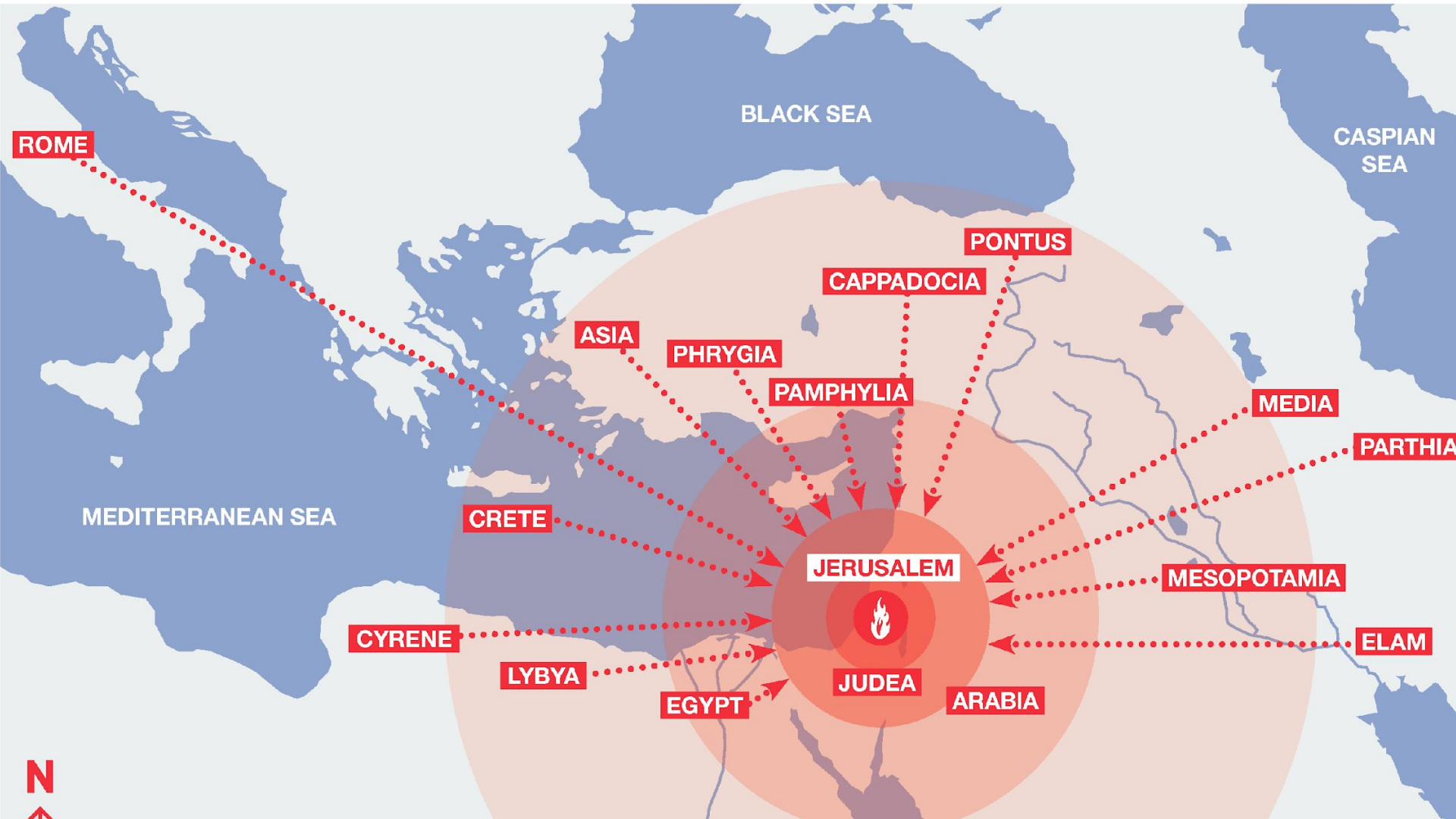
Acts of the Holy Spirit through Ordinary People

Acts 1:1-2

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.



Today's Sermon: "Devoted"
Acts 2:41-47



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¹³ [Any of] you who hunts any animal or bird that may be eaten must drain out the blood and cover it with earth, ¹⁴ because the life of every creature is its blood.

¹⁰ I appeal to you, ... that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

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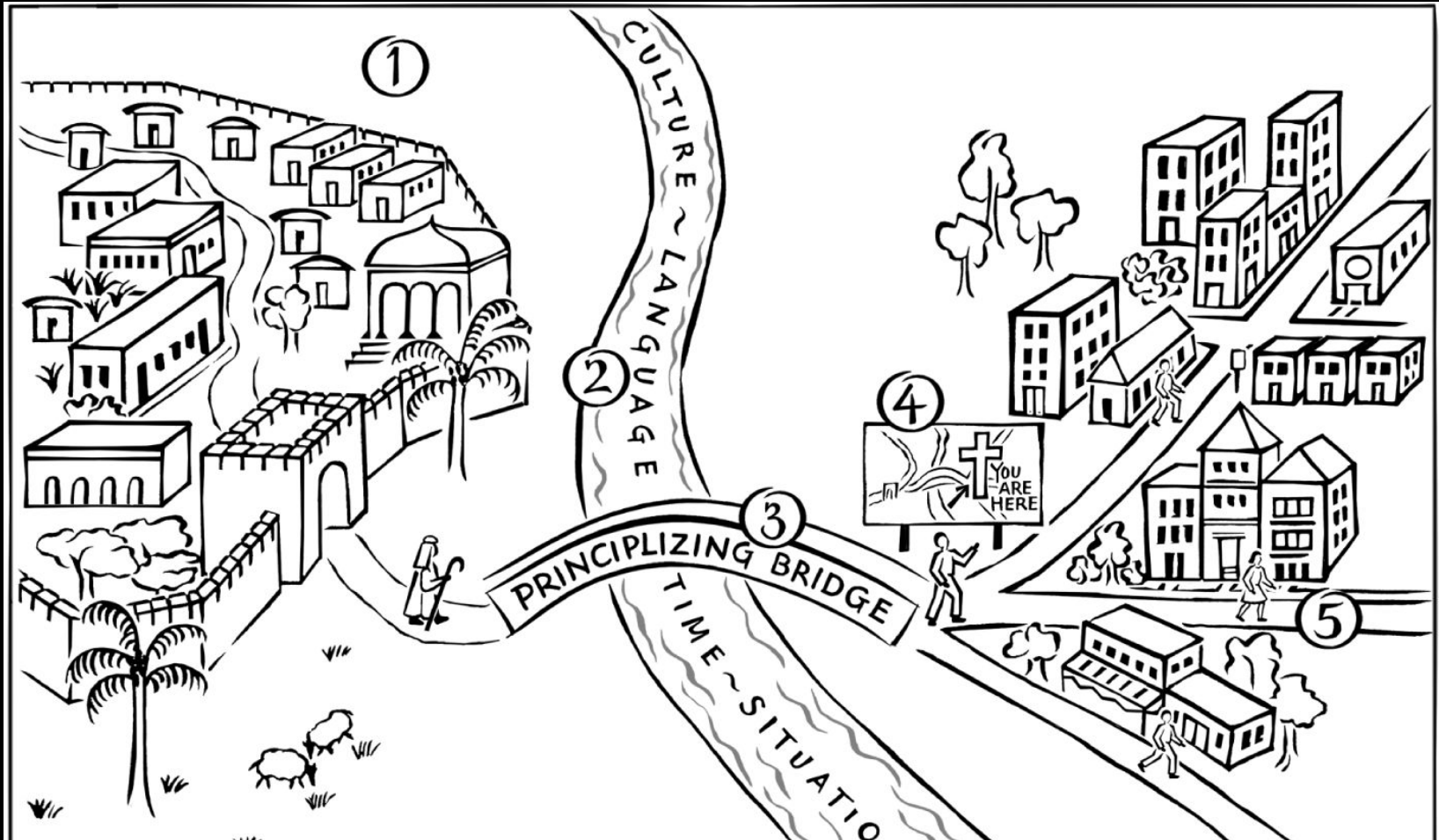
Mark 11:1-7

Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

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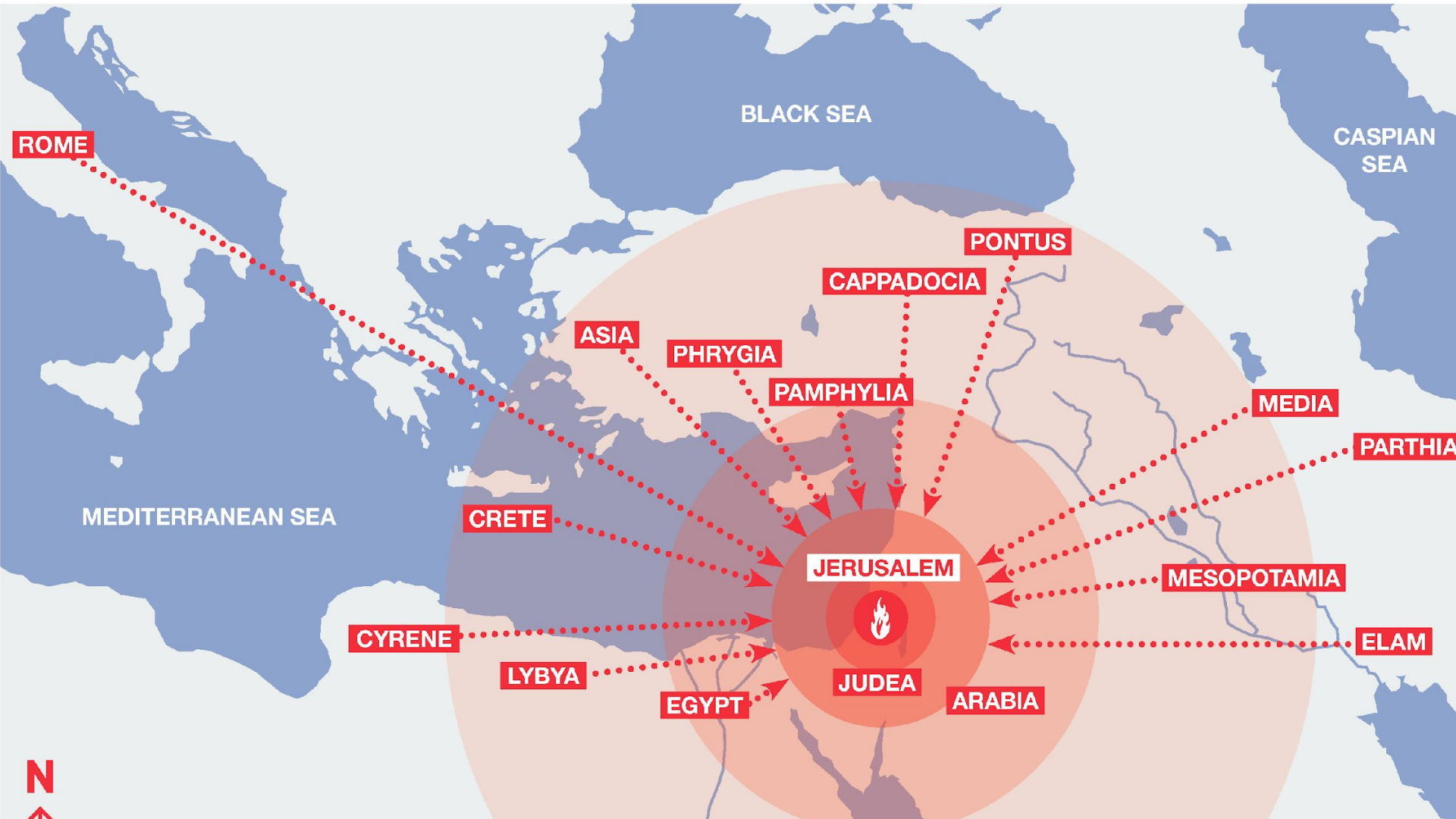
“When Jesus tells us to become little children, he isn’t telling us to do anything he isn’t already doing. Jesus is, without question the most dependent human being who ever lived. Because he can’t do life on his own, he prays. And he prays. And he prays. Luke tells us that Jesus “would withdraw to desolate places and pray” (Luke 5:16). When Jesus tells us that “apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5), he is inviting us into his life of a living dependence on his heavenly Father.”

Paul E. Miller, *A Praying Life*, (Navpress: Colorado Springs) 2017, pg. 32-33.

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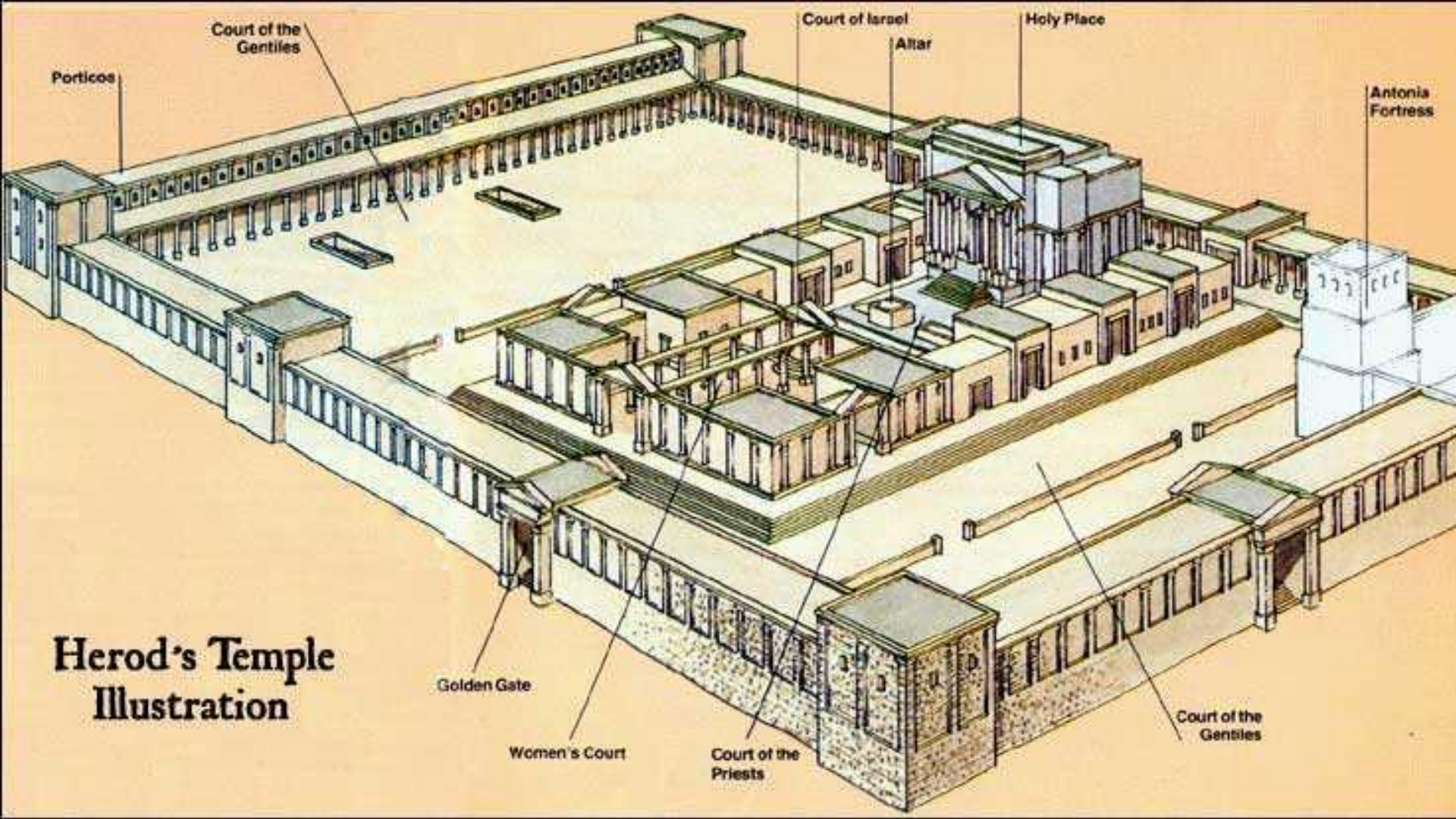
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Court of Israel

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Porticos

Altar

Antonia Fortress

Herod's Temple Illustration

Golden Gate

Women's Court

Court of the Priests

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Within the community there was a spirit of rejoicing and generosity; outside it, they enjoyed great popular goodwill. The praises of God were constantly on their tongues, and their numbers were constantly increased as he added more and more believers to the faithful remnant. It is the Lord's prerogative to add new members to his own community; it is the joyful prerogative of existing members to welcome to their fellowship those whom he has accepted.

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John 13:34-35

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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Is there anyone who could walk through those doors who you would have a hard time welcoming into our fellowship?