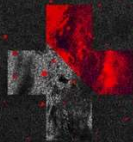
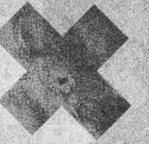
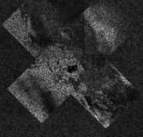


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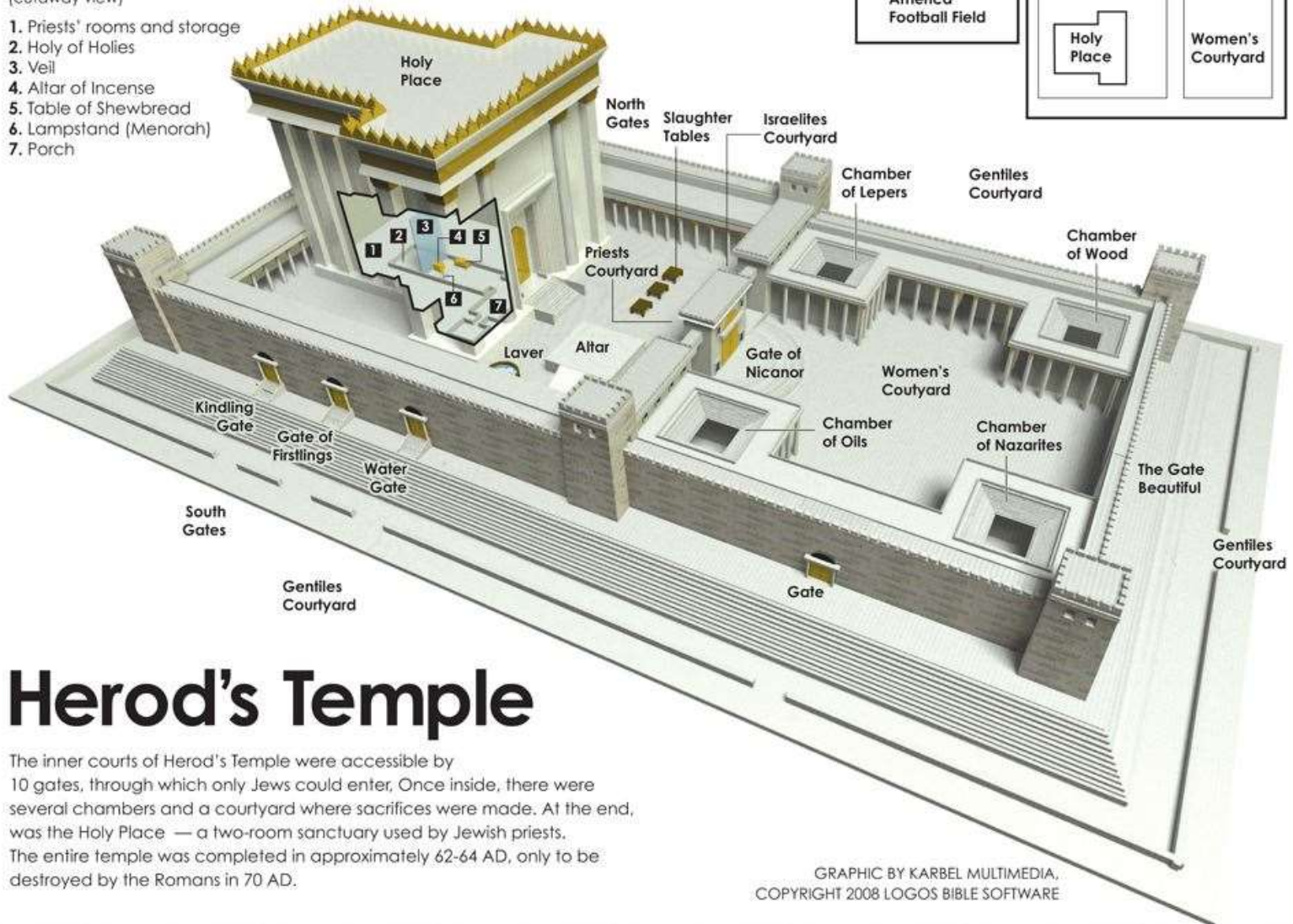
# Review

- **Jesus is God**
- **Jesus changes everything**
- **Who is Jesus to you and what do you want from him?**
- **Are you willing to be uncomfortable?**
- **We can trust him.**

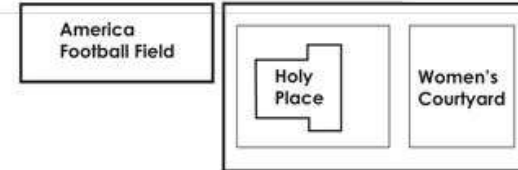
## INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE

(cutaway view)

1. Priests' rooms and storage
2. Holy of Holies
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Table of Shewbread
6. Lampstand (Menorah)
7. Porch



Size comparison (approximate):



# Herod's Temple

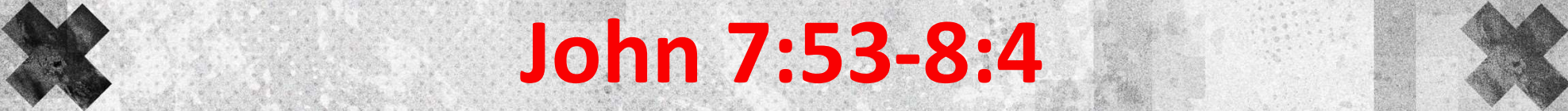
The inner courts of Herod's Temple were accessible by 10 gates, through which only Jews could enter. Once inside, there were several chambers and a courtyard where sacrifices were made. At the end, was the Holy Place — a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. The entire temple was completed in approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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## John 7:25-52

**50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” 52 They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”**



## John 7:53-8:4

**They went each to his own house, <sup>8</sup> 1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst <sup>4</sup> they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.**





## John 8:5-6

**5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.**



## John 8:7-9

7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without **sin** among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 And once more he bent down and **wrote** on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.



## John 8:10-11

**10 Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”**





## John 8:12-13

**12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the **light** of the world. Whoever **follows** me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” **13** So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself, your testimony is not true.”

## John 8:14-18

**14 Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."**





## John 8:19-20

**19 They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.**

## John 8:21-24

**21 So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." 22 So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" 23 He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."**

## John 8:25-27

**25 So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. 26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." 27 They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father.**



## **John 8:28-30**

**28 So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.**

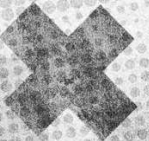
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**But, do we believe Jesus?**


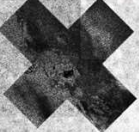


## **Brennan Manning**




**“Because salvation is by grace through faith, I believe that among the countless number of people standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands (see Revelation 7:9), I shall see the prostitute from the Kit-Kat Ranch in Carson City, Nevada, who tearfully told me that she could find no other employment to support her two-year-old son.**







**I shall see the woman who had an abortion and is haunted by guilt and remorse but did the best she could faced with grueling alternatives; the businessman besieged with debt who sold his integrity in a series of desperate transactions; the insecure clergyman addicted to being liked, who never challenged his people from the pulpit and longed for unconditional love; the [teen abused by his father] and now [working] on the street, who, as he falls asleep each night ... , whispers the name of the unknown God he learned about in Sunday school.**





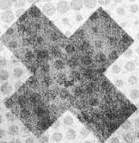
**'But how?' we ask.**

**Then the voice says, 'They have washed their robes and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'**

**There they are. There \*we\* are - the multitude who so wanted to be faithful, who at times got defeated, soiled by life, and bested by trials, wearing the bloodied garments of life's tribulations, but through it all clung to faith.**

**My friends, if this is not good news to you, you have never understood the gospel of grace."**

**— Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel**





## John 8:10-12

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## ✕ So What?

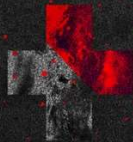
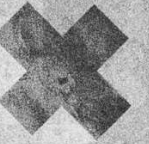
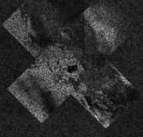
- God's saving grace is for **EVERYONE**
- Jesus *confronted* sin with compassion – and a charge to follow HIM
- That goes for YOU too

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