

The Chosen S5, E2: “House of Cards”

Main Events

- *Last Supper: Jesus warns the disciples about the opposition they will face¹ and tells Peter that he will deny him three times².*
- Some Greeks seeks Jesus in Jerusalem³.
- John meets and speaks with Malchus, a servant of the High Priest Caiaphas⁴.
- Caiaphas tells Herod he knows a way to trap Jesus so that Rome will take care of him.
- Jesus cleanses the Temple by driving out money changers and sellers with a whip⁵.



- What seem to be Herod’s primary motives? What about those of Caiaphas?
- What is Jesus’s stated reason for cleansing the Temple? What other reasons did he have?
- Describe these different people’s reactions to the cleansing: Romans (such as Pilate), Jewish leaders in the Temple, Judas, other disciples, ordinary Jews, Gentiles.
- Describe Jesus’s behavior in this episode. Is it consistent with his previous behavior in public? Why do his actions (and anger) make some Christians uncomfortable today?

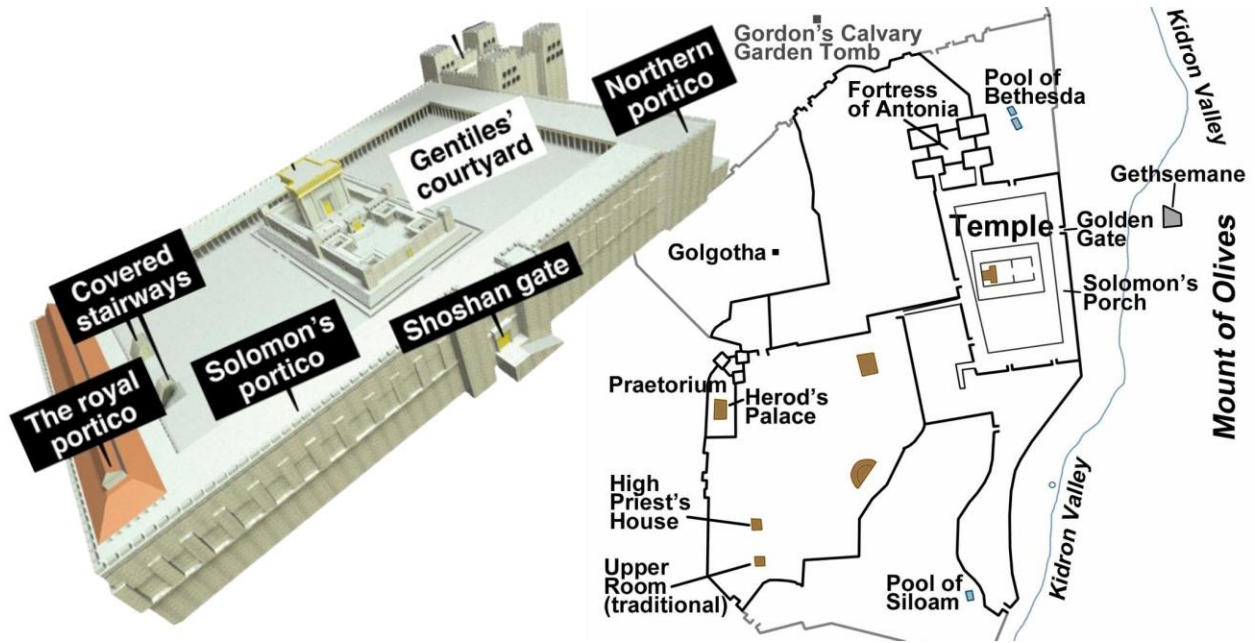
¹ Luke 22:35-38, John 15:13, 18-25

² Matthew 26:31-35, Mark 14:27-31, Luke 22:31-34, John 13:36-38

³ John 12:20-22

⁴ John 18:10

⁵ Matthew 21:12-16, Mark 11:15-18, Luke 19:45-46, John 2:14-22



Who Was Herod?

In 37 BC, the Roman Senate appointed Herod “the Great” to be the “king of the Jews.” His job was to maintain order in Israel and protect that region for Rome.

When Herod “the Great” died, his rule was split among three of his sons:

- Archelaus: Judea and Samaria; replaced by Roman governors starting in 6 AD
- Philip: regions north and west of Galilee
- Antipas: Galilee/Perea

When another son of Herod “the Great” died, Antipas took that son’s wife, Herodias, as his own. John the Baptist took offense, and that offense ultimately cost him his life.

