

May 20, 2018 Pentecost Sunday

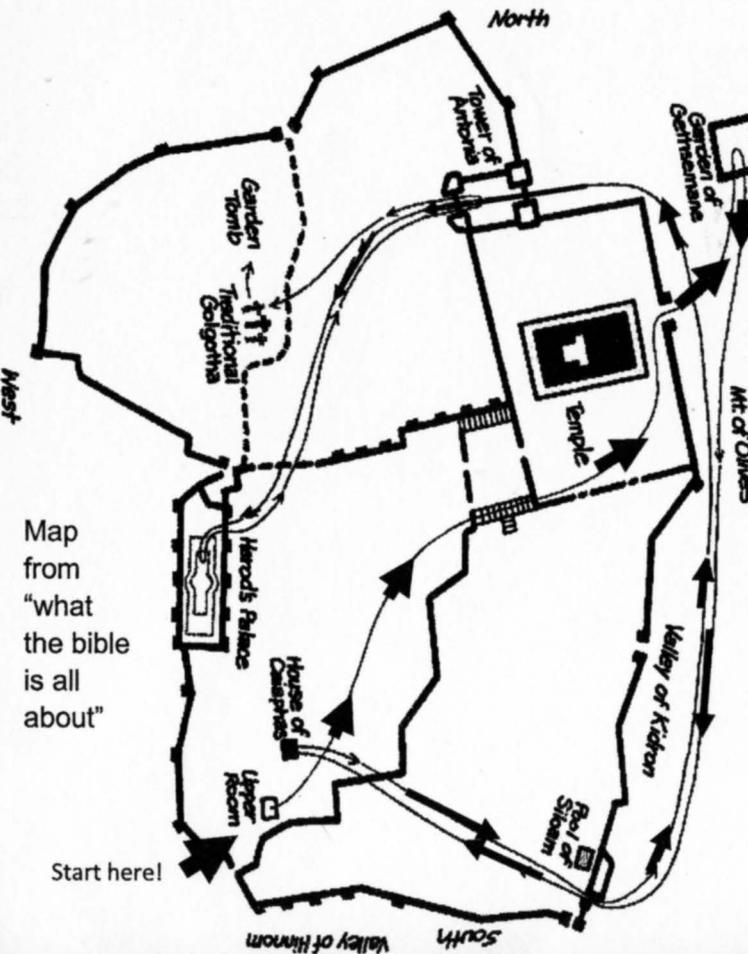
Scripture focus Acts 2

Lectionary Readings http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BPentDay_RCL.html

What does the Last Supper have to do with Pentecost? Well, a lot. Acts 2 says, "a sound like the rush of a violent wind filled the entire house where they were sitting." This "Acts 2 house" is where the last supper was held. Location, location, location— The rush of the Holy Spirit did not happen in the Temple but *near* the temple.

Proximity is important in two ways. First, the Spirit's presence was a gift of God's power for all people *outside* the hallowed Temple area. Second, the gift of the Holy Spirit was a testament against the powerful, who were more concerned with political position and respect than discerning God's will. The rulers weren't at the party.

Side note — Everything is so close together. From the Upper Room to Garden of Gethsemane it is about 10 football fields as the crow flies. Nothing to sneeze at, but less than a mile.
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Map from "what the bible is all about"

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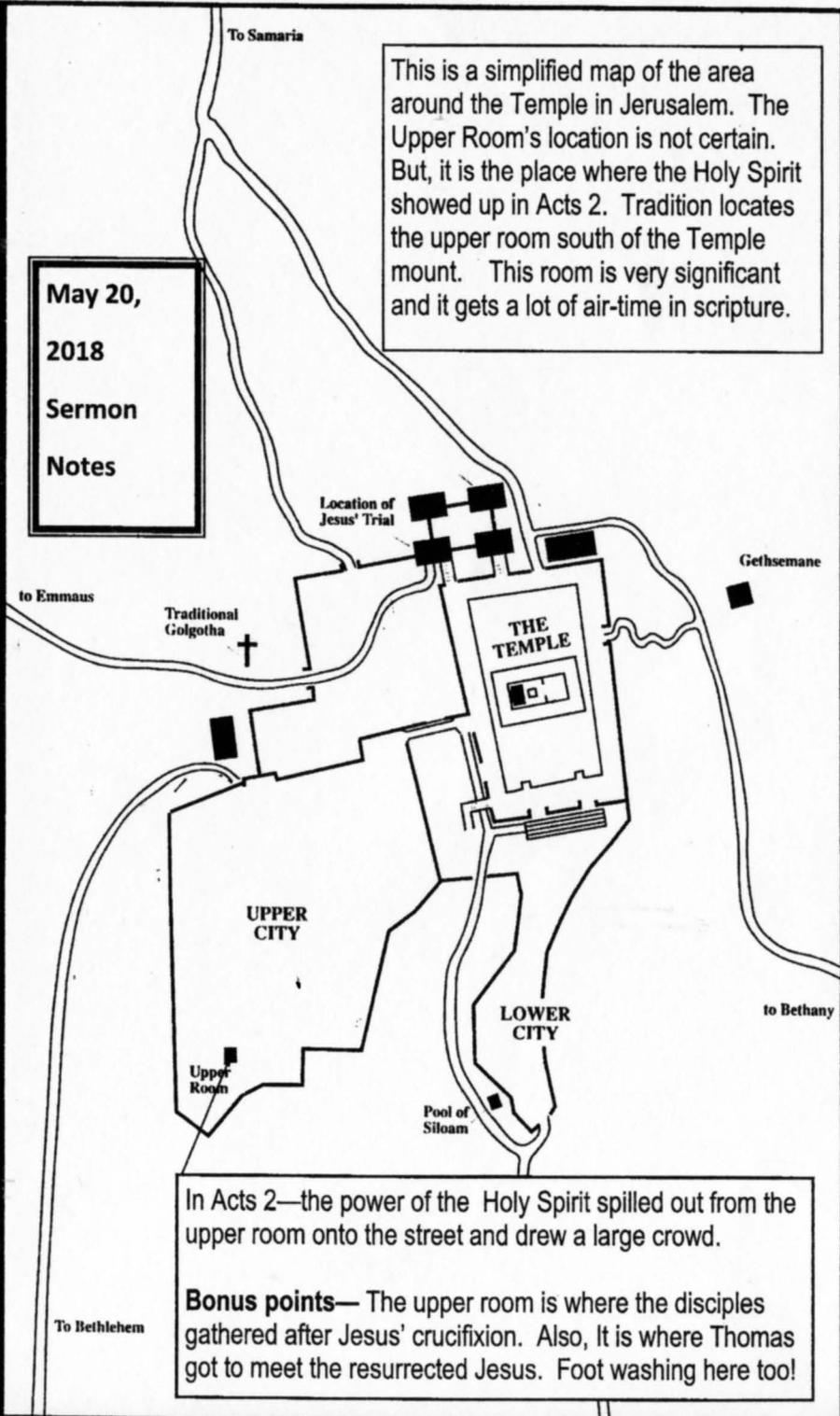
detail of the Temple area in Jerusalem.

Follow the arrows to track Jesus' final journey. Start at the upper room through the Temple to the garden of gethsemane, then trace the journey to house of Caiaphas, then through the tower of Antonia and onto Herod's palace. Go back to the tower (Pilate) and to Golgotha.

The Spirit shows up in the upper room specifically (I believe) to reassure the disciples that none of Jesus' journey was an accident. Their journey with the Spirit would start in the same spot but be a little different — to quote Dr. Seuss "O the places you'll go"

This is a simplified map of the area around the Temple in Jerusalem. The Upper Room's location is not certain. But, it is the place where the Holy Spirit showed up in Acts 2. Tradition locates the upper room south of the Temple mount. This room is very significant and it gets a lot of air-time in scripture.

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In Acts 2—the power of the Holy Spirit spilled out from the upper room onto the street and drew a large crowd.

Bonus points— The upper room is where the disciples gathered after Jesus' crucifixion. Also, It is where Thomas got to meet the resurrected Jesus. Foot washing here too!