



from
death
to *life*
cross theology

Luke 23:33-46

When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed Him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on His right and one on His left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for His clothes by throwing dice. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let Him save Himself if He is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers mocked Him, too, by offering Him a drink of sour wine.

Luke 23:33-46

They called out to Him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” A sign was fastened above Him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals hanging beside Him scoffed, “So You’re the Messiah, are You? Prove it by saving Yourself—and us, too, while You’re at it!” But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this Man hasn’t done anything wrong.”

Luke 23:33-46

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.” And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with Me in paradise.” By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands!” And with those words He breathed His last.

Cross Theology

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How We Deal With Our Sin

- It's not a sin.
- It's not my fault.
- It's not that bad.



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-Intentional Sin

"The Jewish Religious Leaders"

-Inadvertent Sin

"The Roman Soldiers"

-Apathetic Sin

"The Watching Crowd"



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“To the criminal’s vague “when”
Jesus responded with a precise “today”...
This day through Jesus’ death,
salvation was being achieved,
and the criminal would share in it.”
-Prof. Robert Stein, NT Scholar



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The Universal Law of Justice & Forgiveness
Every wrong must be paid for by someone.
The bigger the wrong, the costlier the price.



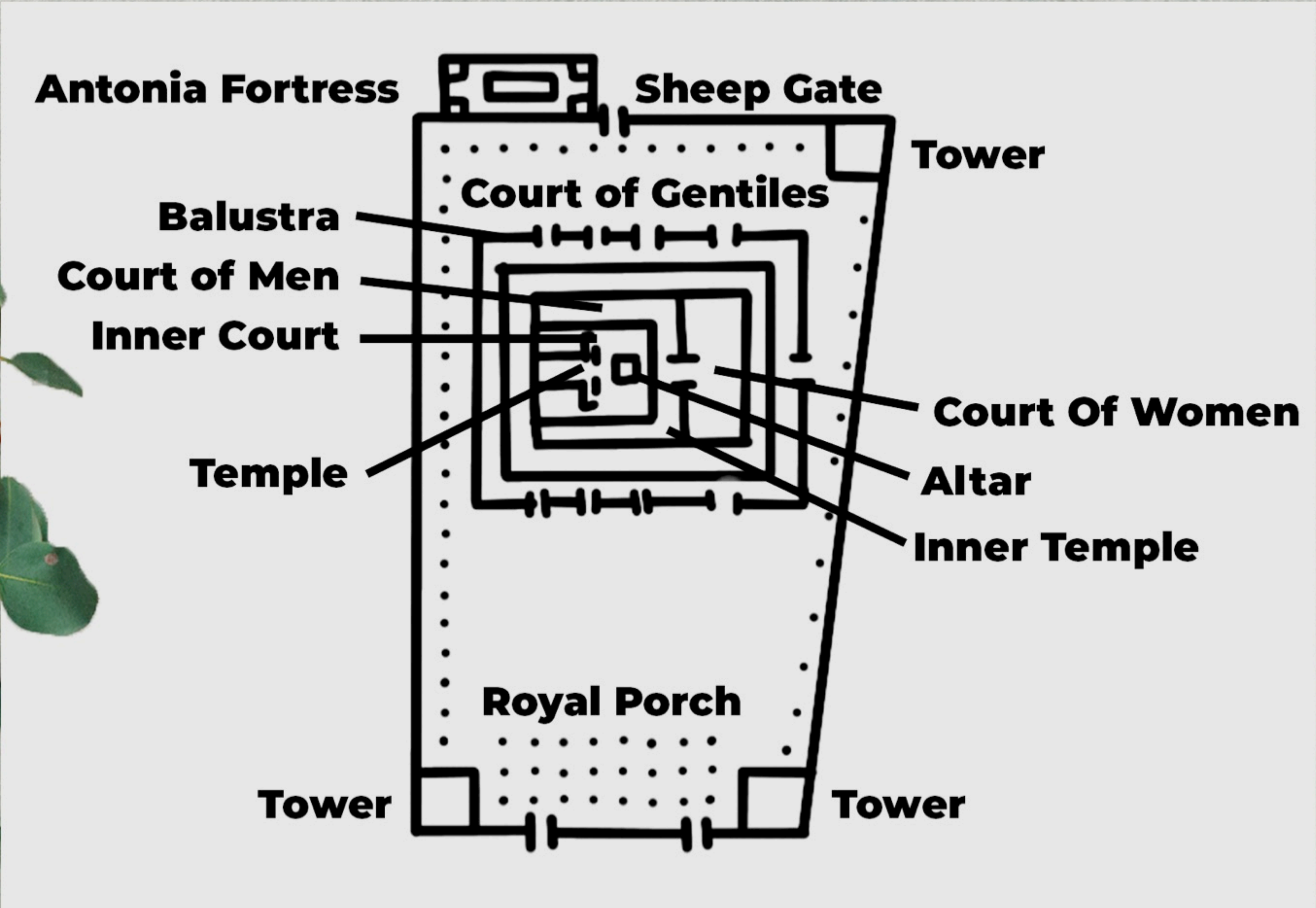
“Forgiveness is the only reaction that does not merely react but acts anew, unexpectedly, unconditioned by the act which provoked it and therefore freeing from its consequences both the one who forgives and the one who is forgiven.”

-Hannah Arendt



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Hebrews 10:11-14

Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered Himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then He sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. There He waits until His enemies are humbled and made a footstool under His feet. For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

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5. This is the King and Kingdom available in Jesus.



The Cruciform Coronation - Philippians 2:6-11

Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

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Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Cruciform Coronation

- He's given a crown.
- He's robed in purple.
- He's hailed King of the Jews.
- He's called the Son of God.
- He's lifted high for all to see.



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