

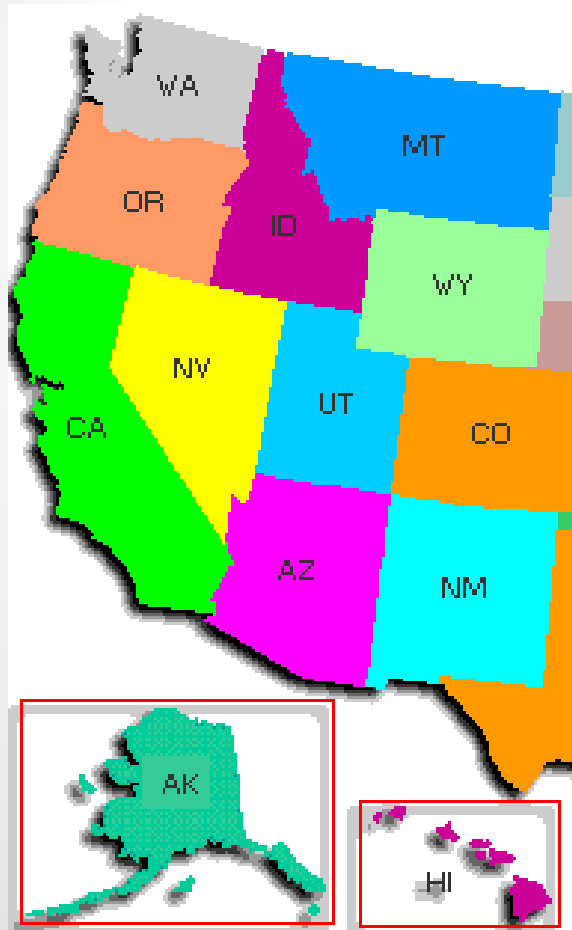
The Works I Do...Testify of Me

A Study of the Recorded Miracles of Jesus –
John 20:19-31

How do we know the
miracles of Jesus
actually happened?

Israel

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42,146 Sq. Miles



Size of New
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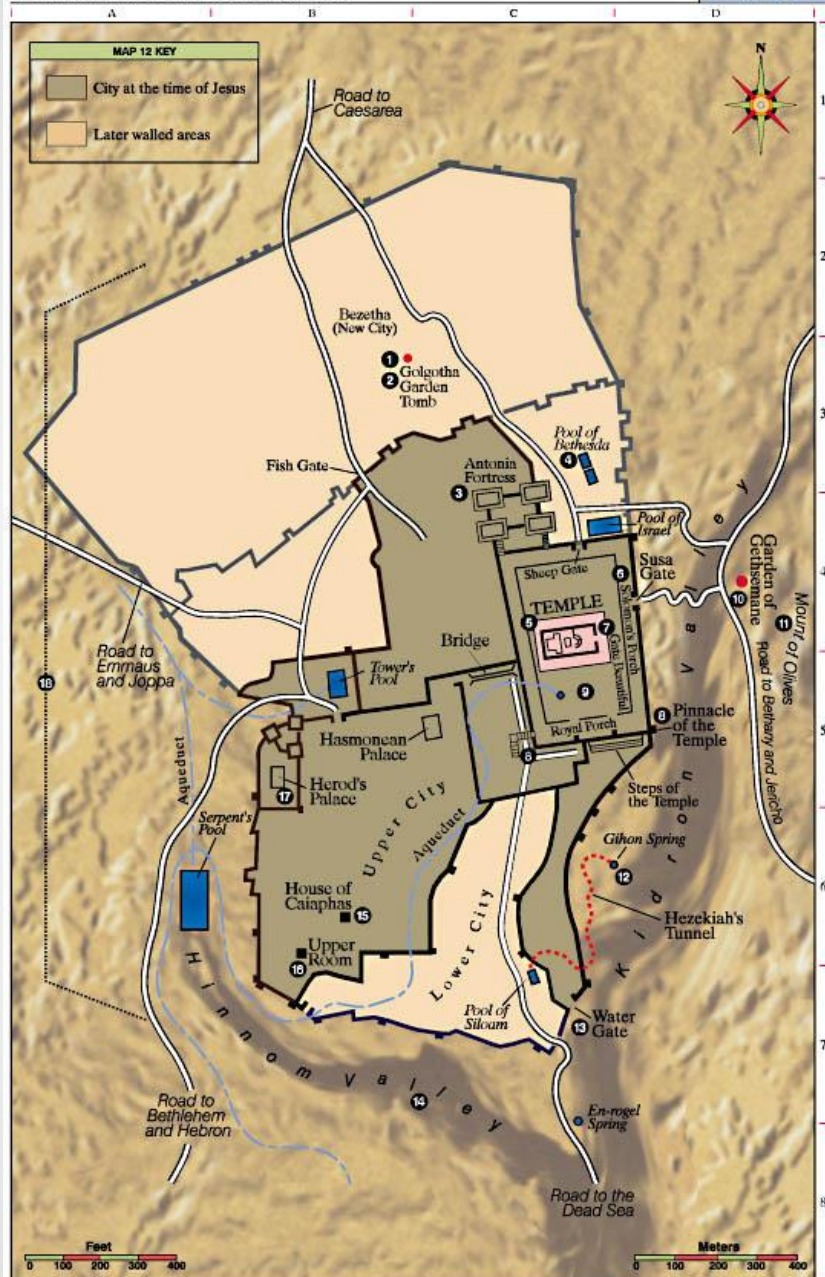
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 - 31+ instances of a miracle with multiple witnesses who were **not disciples**
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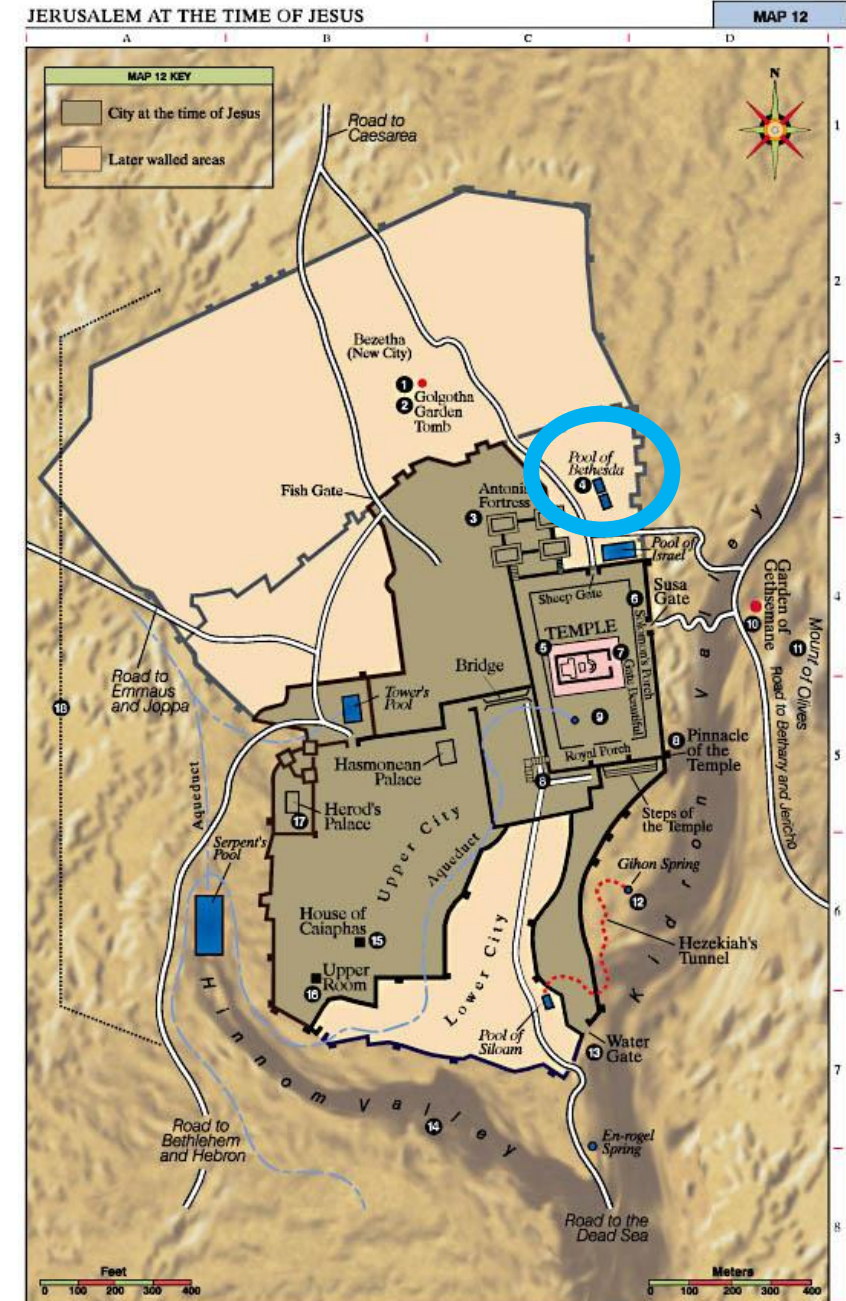


Jesus' Miracles In/Near Jerusalem

- Jerusalem covered less than 1 sq. mile, with a population of 25,000 - 50,000

Healing at the Pool of Bethesda

- Jn. 5:1-18
- During a feast—many Jews present
- Specific place
- Specific person – lame 38 years
- Healed man was seen openly by a great many Jews
- Healed man was accused of breaking Sabbath for carrying his pallet
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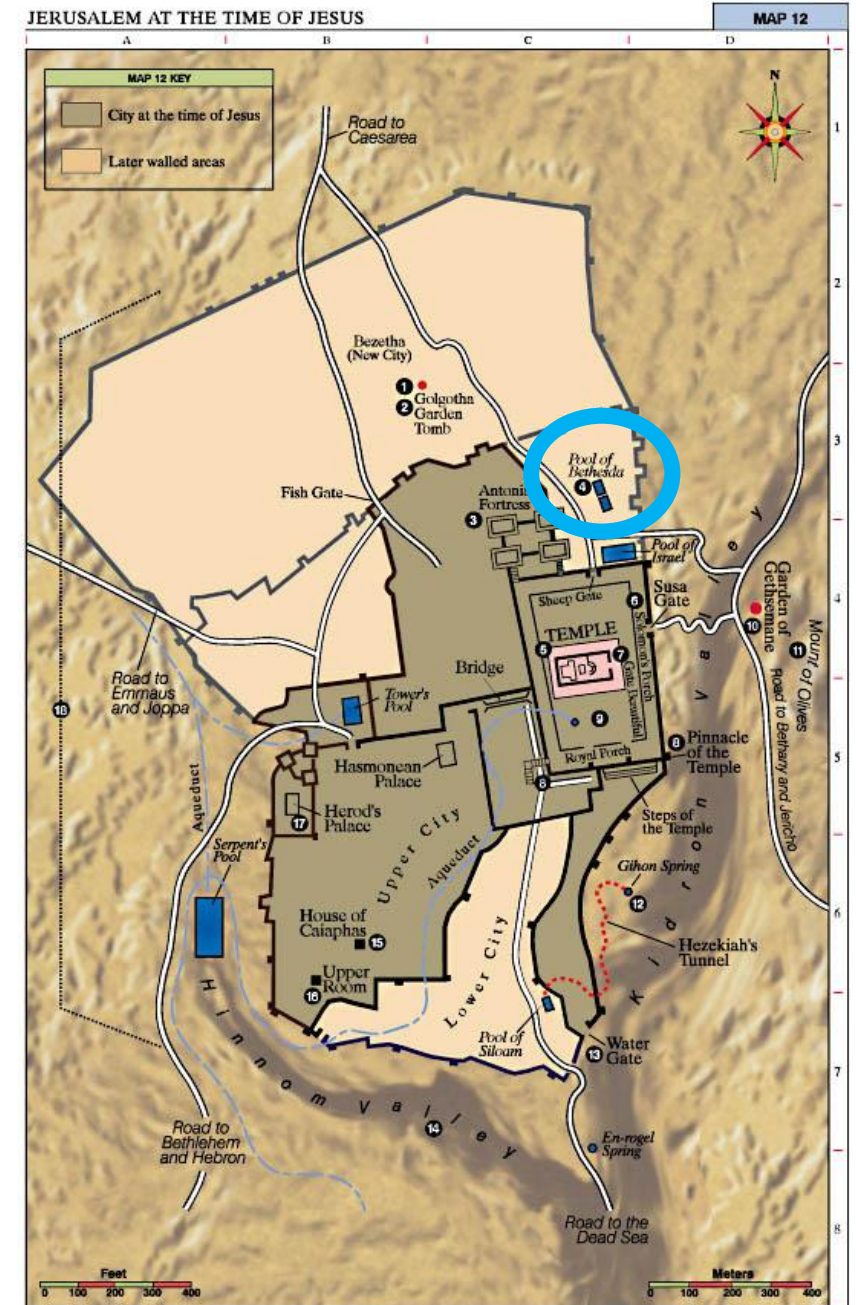


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Why would a fabricated miracle like this ever be believed?

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- Jn. 8:58-9:11
- Very public miracle
- Involved a man known by a great number of people as the blind man who begged by the temple

**Was there or was there not
such a blind beggar healed by
Jesus?**

Raising Lazarus at Bethany

- Jn. 11:1-3, 17-19, 38-48
- Witnessed by many Jews
- Involved a man known by many to have died and was dead for four days.
- Same group of people saw him raised from the dead completely whole
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We Can Trust The Bible's Record of Jesus' Miracles

- How could the apostles have hoped to succeed in lying about Jesus...
 - Performing 100's+ of prominent miracles before tens of thousands of people in an area only 8-10 miles long?
 - Performing prominent miracles in Jerusalem and Bethany?
- The apostles never recanted despite suffering and dying for their testimony – 2 Pet. 1:16-18; 1 Jn. 1:1-3
- There are secular references to Jesus' miracles (i.e., Josephus, *Babylonian Talmud*)