



St. Stephen's Gate, entrance into the old city of Jerusalem on the east side (holylandphotos.org)

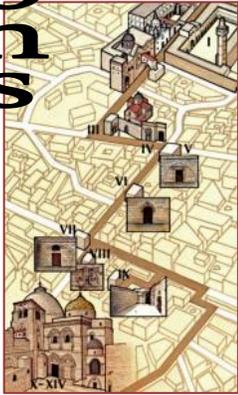
The Church of St Anne is the best-preserved Crusader church in Jerusalem. It marks the traditional site of the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents, Anne and Joachim, and the birthplace of the Virgin Mary.



A pool at Bethesda in Jerusalem is identified as the scene of one of Jesus' miracles. This was the healing of the paralyzed man who had waited for 38 years for someone to help him into the pool "when the water is stirred" — an event believed to have curative powers. The Gospel account says Jesus told the man, "Stand up, take your mat and walk", and immediately he was made well (John 5:2-18). According to an ancient tradition, Bethesda is also where Jesus' maternal grandparents, Anne and Joachim, lived — and where his mother Mary was born.



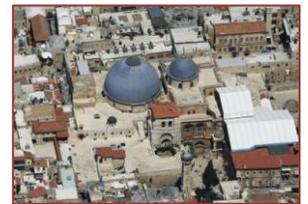
Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross, or Via Dolorosa — Pilgrims walk from the Tower of Antonia, where it is believed Roman procurator Pontius Pilate held the trial and sentenced Jesus to death, to where Jesus was eventually crucified and buried. The last five stations are located in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem covers what Christians believe is the site of the most important event in human history: The place where Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

More details found here: <https://www.seetheholyland.net/church-of-the-holy-sepulchre/>



Wailing Wall



Last remaining remnant of the ancient Temple at the Western (Wailing) Wall

Ein Karem



Church of the Visitation - The Virgin Mary's visit to Elizabeth — depicted in mosaic on the façade — is commemorated in a two-tiered church, on a slope of the hill south of Ein Karem. This is believed to be the site of Zechariah and Elizabeth's summer house, where Mary came to visit her cousin.



Catholic Church of the Nativity of St John - The high altar is dedicated to St John. To the right is Elizabeth's altar. To the left are steps leading down to a natural grotto — identified as John's birthplace and believed to be part of his parents' home.

Off to Rome!

