

The Sepulcher and the Holy City

JERUSALEM is a holy city to many of the various religions of the world and has been considered so for thousands of years. It is the holiest city in the world to Jews. Christians have a particular reverence for it because it was the city in which the most important events in the life and death of Jesus Christ took place. Mohammed, in his earlier years, taught his followers to bend the knee toward Jerusalem instead of Mecca.

We have arrived at the chief gate of this celebrated city—the Jaffa gate, set in the walls, the cases of which at least date from a remote antiquity. On the outside of the gate it seems that we have come upon the meeting place of the East and the West. Here are khans, the horse and camel markets, stalls for the sale of all kinds of goods, stores, even cafes and restaurants. This particular spot has been called the busiest place in all Judea. The women from Bethlehem—wearing a distinctive garb—are marketing. Nuns, monks and other ecclesiastics in their distinctive habits, as well as the uniformed military attempting to keep order, add to the strange array of costumes. As I was about to enter the gate I stepped aside, for there was a short parade coming through the gate. About 20 men, each carrying a heavy pole, which fell to the pavement heavily to mark steps, walked behind a dignified gentleman who wore a huge black headgear from which a black drapery fluttered to his black robes. I inquired his identity and learned that the patriarch of Jerusalem was going to pay a visit to the patriarch of Antioch and this was the guard of honor accompanying him.

King David's Tower.

Then I passed inside the gate, a visitor relates. To the right, rising like a great medieval castle or stronghold I saw the tower of David, one of the huge relics left intact when Titus destroyed the city of Jerusalem. This tower was not built by King David, but it is likely that it rests upon stones that he ordered placed in position—enormous stones larger than any placed in modern constructions.

From the balcony of my room at the hotel I looked out over the deep blue expanse. There were twinkling lights everywhere and far above them all there was an electric-lighted cross above the tomb of Jesus Christ, visible for a great distance. And strangely enough, all was still. Jerusalem retires shortly after sunset. There are no theaters, few night clubs and almost no social life. It is not considered safe for foreign visitors (particularly Christians) to be abroad in the narrow streets at night. Jerusalem the Golden abounds in religious fanatics, monks and many people who undoubtedly are insane. The city is visited by zealous Mohammedans who have recently made the pilgrimage to Mecca and now in the second most sacred city in the world, are not to be trusted in the dark.

Burden of the Cross.

Early the next morning when the skies are beginning to show the first signs of dawn, the bells and gongs begin to sound from hundreds of towers. Sleep is impossible after five o'clock. And the clatter and shouting again come up from the streets. Caravans have arrived from the desert, the market people are bringing in their vegetables, meat, wine and bread. Jerusalem has perhaps 75,000 people, great numbers of whom reside at convents, monasteries, hospices and other religious institutions. All must be fed. The city is 4,000 years old and

doubtless many of the customs have not changed materially since the time of Jesus Christ.

The second station of the cross is at the foot of the staircase leading to the barracks, for here it is believed that the cross was placed upon Jesus Christ. Then we come to an arch, called the Ecce Homo arch, where Pilate uttered the words: "Behold the man."

The third station is an Armenian hospice, where Jesus Christ sank beneath the weight of the cross and near by there is a broken column upon which it is said he rested his hand when he was about to fall.

The fourth station lies between the traditional house of the poor man Lazarus and the rich man Dives. An inscription in a lane to the left records that here Jesus Christ met his mother.

At the corner a short distance farther along is where Simon of Cyrene took the cross from Jesus Christ and here again is a depression in a stone that marks the place where the condemned man's hand rested.

We ascend the street and arrive at the sixth station, which marks the home and the tomb of St. Veronica, who wiped the perspiration from Christ's brow on a handkerchief—the impression of his face remaining on the cloth, which is still preserved at Rome.

The last part of this street is vaulted and here is the seventh station, where Christ felt the second time. Here is the hospice of St. John for the entertainment of pilgrims.

At the Eighth Station.

A black cross on a Greek monastery marks the eighth station and is where Christ addressed the women who met him.

The ninth station is a Coptic monastery and here again Christ is said to have sunk under the weight of the cross.

The remaining five stations are in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

A narrow sloping street leads down into a small plaza, in which there are large paving stones. At the sides are small booths where crucifixes and rosaries from Bethlehem and Hebron are offered for sale. Here also stand several military guards. We are at the entrance to the church, not at all a beautiful structure upon the outside, one not at all in keeping with what one might expect, for were it possible, all of Christendom would gladly contribute to making this the most beautiful building in the world. The key to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, however, is a possession of a family of Jerusalem—a hereditary honor that is in the hands of Moslems, Roman Catholics, Greeks, Druses, Abyssinians, Armenians, Copts, Maronites, representative of all Christians save the Protestants, have hours of worship assigned to them, when religious services are conducted according to their own ritual. And here come the millions to pray. Next Sunday morning, Easter, the holy fire will be passed from this church to thousands of waiting tapers and theoretically, at least, that fire extends to all of the Christian churches of the world.

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NULLA BONA TAX EXECUTIONS

In accordance with Act 541, page 925, Acts of the General Assembly, 1924, I hereby submit for publication Nulla Bona Executions for the year 1923 turned over to me by the Sheriff of Barnwell County.

J. B. ARMSTRONG,
County Treasurer.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Cave, Jessie	6.58
Collins, Mamie	1.32
Clark, Willie	4.28
Collins, John	5.16
Cook, Otis	1.07
Creech, Lee	7.79
Creech, Joe	5.16
Croft, Isadore	7.65
Daniels, Bully	1.32
Diamond, G. J.	5.46
Diamond, Corsey	1.07
Dortch, Peter	1.95
Dove, Sam	2.39
Dowling, Mattie	1.32
Drew, Mrs. P. J.	2.19
Drummond, Steve, Jr.	6.04
Duncan, Mary	1.32
Duncan, Lucius	1.07
Duncan, Angus	1.07
Duncan, Jim	7.79
Easton, B. B.	15.80
Evans, Joe	5.16
Ford, John	2.83
Gadson, Albert	4.28
Gadson, Compie	.88
Gantt, Diana	1.32

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Stone of Unction.

There are many chapels that will claim our attention in this church, but we leave them until later and go at once to the sepulcher itself, which is under the dome in the center of the church. The sepulcher itself is a small chapel of whitish marble that has grown to have the appearance of onyx. It is 26 feet long and 18 feet wide. At the entrance to it are huge candleholders with burning tapers, and over and around the entrance are suspended numerous gold and silver lanterns.

Before entering the sepulchre we must stoop, because the entrance itself is not more than four feet high and is an ornate archway. We come into what is known as the Chapel of the Angel, where is shown the actual stone that was rolled away from the grave of Christ on Easter morning. Pilgrims kneel and kiss this stone, which is covered with glass, else it would have been worn away by reverent lips long ago. In fact, it is necessary frequently to change and replace the glass covering.

Christ's Actual Resting Place.

One at a time we pass beyond to the small room that is about six feet long and six wide. A niche in the wall veneered with marble is the actual resting place of the body of Christ. Forty-three lanterns of gold hang from the ceiling. A priest of some denomination and creed, according to the time of day the visit is made—for each creed has its appointed hour—stands at the actual sepulcher and sprinkles holy water—or anoints—with oil the heads of all, who incline toward the niche.

It is very warm in this tiny chapel, owing to the blazing lanterns, and one does not remain long. Pilgrims usually drop their burial shrouds upon the grave, the priest sprinkles them and they are carried away to distant lands as prized possessions and kept until death.

Coming out of the little chapel, we visit the Chapel of the Apparition, where Jesus Christ appeared to his mother after the resurrection. Then to the Chapel of the Parting of the Raiment, the Chapel of the Crown of Thorns, and to the Chapel of the Cross, where the exact location of the three crosses is indicated by silver. Here the mighty rock is split and there is a great crack that might only have been caused by a convulsion of nature—the earthquake that followed the sacrifice on Calvary.

Magnificent Ornamentation.

Some of the chapels are magnificently ornamented, as, for instance, that of the Greeks, from the ceiling of which hang dozens of gold lanterns. There is a portrait of Christ, perhaps two feet long and one wide, that was the gift of the late czar of Russia and that is made of precious stones—the robe being of rubies.

Here in this church also is the traditional grave of Adam. From earliest times this legend has persisted and while it cannot be authenticated or proved in any way, Adam's bones are supposed to rest beneath the cross upon which Christ was crucified. And before this place is a silver disc in the pavement indicating an early belief that here is the center of the world. That might be open to argument, but one thing none may deny: The Church of the Holy Sepulcher at Jerusalem is sacred to more people than any other place on the earth's surface.

Glover, Lish	6.04
Green, Henry	2.39
Grubbs, J. M.	2.39
Hagood, General	5.60
Hair, Tom	1.51
Hankinson, John	1.07
Hazel, Clarence	2.39
Hutto, Dave	1.95
Hutto, Jut	5.16
Jackson, Frank	2.39
Jenkins, Mannie	6.04
Jennings, W. C.	8.97
Johnson, Rebecca	1.32
Johnson, Carrie	1.32
Johnson, Oliver	1.07
Johnson, George	3.26
Jones, Wm. Henry	4.28
Jones, Bill H.	4.28
Jones, Bill H.	4.28
Jones, Oliver	5.60
Jones, John	10.86
Kay, Herman	1.07
Knight, George	2.39
Baker, C. F.	1.75
Hankinson, Trustee	2.19
Hampton, Eugene	1.07
Lard, R. R.	5.60
Lewis, R. Angus	4.28
Long, Murphy	1.07
McDuffie, Charlie	2.39
McNeil, D. G.	1.32
Miller, Arthur	1.95
Moise, Felix	1.07
Morris, John	2.39
Morris, Milledge	5.16
Morris, M. C.	5.60
Meyers, Albert	7.35
Meyers, Elliott	5.16
Nimmons, Peter	1.07
Nimmons, Ossie	1.07
Nix, Harriett	.88
Nix, Fred	5.60
Odom, Ennis	1.07
Odom, Dennis	1.95
Odom, Plain	1.95
Odom, William	1.95
O'Neal, Cleveland	2.39
Parker, Mrs. Esther	1.32
Patterson, Butler	1.07
Patterson, Bill	2.39
Patterson, George	4.28
Posy, J. H.	.88
Posy, Edwin	9.99
J. and J. Pressing Club	1.32
Pressey, Lee	2.39
Pressie, Celia	1.32
Pressie, Loderrick	5.60
Pressie, Amos	5.16
Ray, Buist	9.55
Ransom, Adam	1.95
Ready, Boisy	9.55
Rice, Henry	1.07
Riley, Eddie	4.28
Roberts, Frank	1.32
Roberts, Joe	2.39
Roberts, Rich	5.60
Roberts, Harry	4.28
Robinson, Lucius	5.16
Robinson, Tom	16.12
Robinson, Harry	4.28
Robinson, Charlie	6.58
Rountree, Marion	7.35
Sanders, Lewis	2.39
Sanders, Lonnie	2.39
Shepard, Sol	9.11
Sou. Sta. Oil Co.	13.17
Still, Aiken	4.39
Terry, Henry	5.60
Walker, Prince	8.67
Wallace, Harriett	.88
Ward, N. W.	1.07
Washington, Geo.	10.41
Washington, Ossie	6.91
Washington, Ben	9.55
Washington, Tummie	5.16
Watson, Paul	5.60
White, Lee	5.16
Williams, J. B.	1.95
Williams, Lang	1.07
Williams, Beck	1.32
Williams, Lemuel	5.16
Wilson, Arthur	1.07

Big Fork.

Brabham, Ollie	5.09
Bradley, Frank	7.94
Bradley, George	5.79
Cave, Ham	5.50
Corley, Perry	5.09
Creech, Bill Henry	2.04
Creech, J. A.	1.07
Croft, L. W.	5.09
Hallingquest, Frank	5.09
Haskell, H.	5.91
Hogg, John	5.09
Kirkland, Brooks, Jr.	5.50
Lawson, John	5.91
Meyers, Sam	11.19
Meyers, Edgar	7.53
Meyers, Malcolm	4.28
Meyers, Kate	7.32
Meyers, Minus	7.53
Morris, Julius	4.28
Myrick, J. Allen	4.28
Myrick, Alva	5.09
Patterson, Ella	6.10
Patterson, Henry	4.28
Patterson, Amy	8.66
Reed, Luke	4.28
Sanders, E. J.	6.72
Sanders, H. F.	9.57
Sanders, Sherrick	12.41
Sanders, Mose	3.66
Walker, E. B.	5.09
Wallace, Walter	7.94
Washington, Herman	5.91
Youmans, Solomon	4.47
Youmans, Norman	5.09

Blackville.

Aikens, J. C.	5.73
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Albrooks, S. H.	13.11
Anerum, Hester	.97
Anderson, Mose C.	2.41
Bean Filling Station	14.45
Bellinger, Lansing	5.25
Black, C. Furman	2.41
Blackville Mule Co.	9.63
Blume, W. D.	9.58
Bodiford, Winton	1.07
Bogen, Della	2.41
Bowers, Wm.	4.28
Boylston, G. F.	4.28
Boylston, Elijah	1.07
Brody, A. B.	2.41
Brodie, Anna	1.45
Brodie, Rhodie	.97
Brown, John	5.25
Brown, Janie	14.45
Brown, Ida	.97
Brown, Robt.	4.28
Brown, Della	1.45
Bryant, Jack	5.25
Bush, Milledge	4.28
Butler, Bernie	5.25
Butler, A. B.	1.45
Butler, John	1.07
Byars, Ben	.97
Carmichael, Buist	2.04
Cave, W. W.	7.22
Chappell, Charlie	4.28
Chavis, Toney	5.25
Childs, Alifare	.97
Chitty	1.45
Coker, Elie	1.07
Coleman, Ray	5.25
Connor, L. O.	1.45
Conior, Isaac	5.73
Creech, McCoy	1.07
Creech, H. H.	13.59
Creech, Arthur	5.73
Creech, Milliard	4.28
D. A. R.	4.82
Davis, Willie	2.04
Davis, Louise	.97
DeWitt, H. L.	7.22
DeWitt, H. L.	10.70
Dickerson, Archie	4.28
Dix, Cornelius	2.52
Dunbar, Marietta	1.45
Duncan, Sam	5.73
Duncan, E. H.	4.44
Durant, Harden	4.28
Dyches, C. L.	8.77
Dyches, Annie	4.82
Dyches, Malcolm	3.48
Edwards, Ned	2.04
Elliott, Holly	2.52
Ewards, Ned	2.04
Evans, Geo.	5.73
Evans, Sully	.97
Felder, Reka	4.33
Fickling, H. E.	1.07
Fields, T.	3.48
Fogle, B. T.	7.22
Franklin, V. H.	29.33
Friday, Anna Bell	.97
Funches, Arthur	5.25
Gibson, R. E.	6.26
Gibson, L. B.	4.28
Glover, Otis	13.91
Govan, Herman	5.25
Green, Anna	1.49
Gregg, Walter	4.28
Grubbs, C. H.	5.40
Grubbs, Dewise	13.11
Hair, H. B.	59.23
Hagood, Buleah	1.45
Hammitt, N. T.	14.18
Hammont, Mrs. E. S.	4.82
Hampton, Carrie	.97
Harley, Angus	4.82
Harley, Annie	.97
Harley, James	7.65
Harrison, John	1.07
Harrison, Adrian	13.43
Hartzog, Christie	8.77
Hay, Murray	2.92
Henderson, Adella	.97
Hill, Bud	1.07
Holly, Benjamin	5.73
Howard, W. M.	2.52
Hutto, Elias	4.33
Hutto, Thos. R.	7.65
Hutto, India	1.94
Jackson, Julia	1.45
Jackson, Rosella	1.45
Jackson, Meta	.97
Jackson, Elzie	.97
Jay, Richard	2.04
Jenkins, James	2.04
Jenkins, Walter	4.28
Jenkins, Mike	7.82
Jeter, Geo.	5.25
Johnson, Maggie	1.45
Jones, Sol	5.73
Kearse, Willie	4.28
King, J. W.	4.44
Lard, L. L.	9.10
Lee, Quinton	1.07
Lowe, J. W.	1.07
Lloyd, Henry	2.04
Lyles, Henry	2.52
May, Arnie	.97
McCreary, Mrs. Belle	7.22
McKerley, W. T.	2.04
McLendon, G. B.	2.41
McQueen, Florence	1.45
Medlin, Willie	1.93
Meyer, Lindy	.97
Miller, O. W.	2.04
Milligan, Carroll	6.69
Miner, Bachus	13.91
Minus, Isaac	2.52
Moncrief, Ellen	.97
Moncrief, Emma	1.45
Moody, Yank	5.25
Moseley, Bob	1.07
Moseley, Hamie	1.45
Muldrow, Geo.	2.04
Meyers, Richard	5.73
Nevels, V. L.	9.26
Odom, Chester	4.28
Odom, Ben	11.66
Odom, Minnie	.97
Odom, Scott	3.96

Cave.

Braxton, W. T.	4.28
Deveaux, Henry	7.02
Hamilton, Willie	7.02
Hogg, G. N.	2.40
Jefferson, Solomon	4.97
Peoples, Charlie	4.97
Priester, Mose	4.28
Williams, Lewis	3.42

Diamond.

Anthony, Frank	14.10
Brown, S. K.	16.38
Carter, C. C.	8.28
Carter, Saidie	1.09
Carter, Rebecca	1.82
Coleman, Hezekiah	7.19
Deveaux, Mose	5.37
Durham, Aaron	5.01
Hankinson, McArthur	.73
Hankinson, Chester	6.83
Harley, Stephens	12.28
Hiers, O. P.	5.01
Morris, J. R.	6.83
Morris, Arabelle	.73
Morris, R. J.	6.18
Morris, Julius	4.28
Morris, Bob Aiken	5.01
Morris, A. B., et al	14.55
Nimmons, David	4.28
Norris, B. O.	5.07
Owens, Eastman	6.83
Owens, James	4.28
Robinson, Carrie	2.18
Sanders, Sam	4.28
Townes, Salem	3.25
Walker, J. W.	8.37
Wallace, Duncan	5.01
Williams, B. J. Jr.	5.37
Williams, Freddie	6.83

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