

A painting depicting a shepherd, likely Jesus, standing in a field. He is wearing a white robe with a red sash and a white head covering. He holds a long, curved staff in his right hand and cradles a white lamb in his left arm. A flock of sheep is gathered around him. To the left, a large, leafy tree stands on a rocky outcrop. The background features rolling green hills and a vibrant sunset sky with hues of orange, yellow, and purple. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of the 'Good Shepherd' parable.

John 9-10

Illumination by The Good Shepherd

John Newton
(1772 AD):

*I Once Was Lost But
Now I'm Found
Was Blind But
Now I See*

7 Signs in John's Gospel

1. Water turned into wine (2:1-11)
2. Healing of the nobleman's son (4:46-54)
3. Healing at the Pool of Bethesda (5:1-18)
4. Feeding of the 5000 (6:1-14)
5. Walking on the water (6:15-21)
6. Healing of the blind man (9:1-41)
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-57)

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Between Sept/Oct (Jn.7:2) & Nov/Dec (Jn.10:22)



THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

Exodus 4:11

The LORD said to Moses:

“Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”

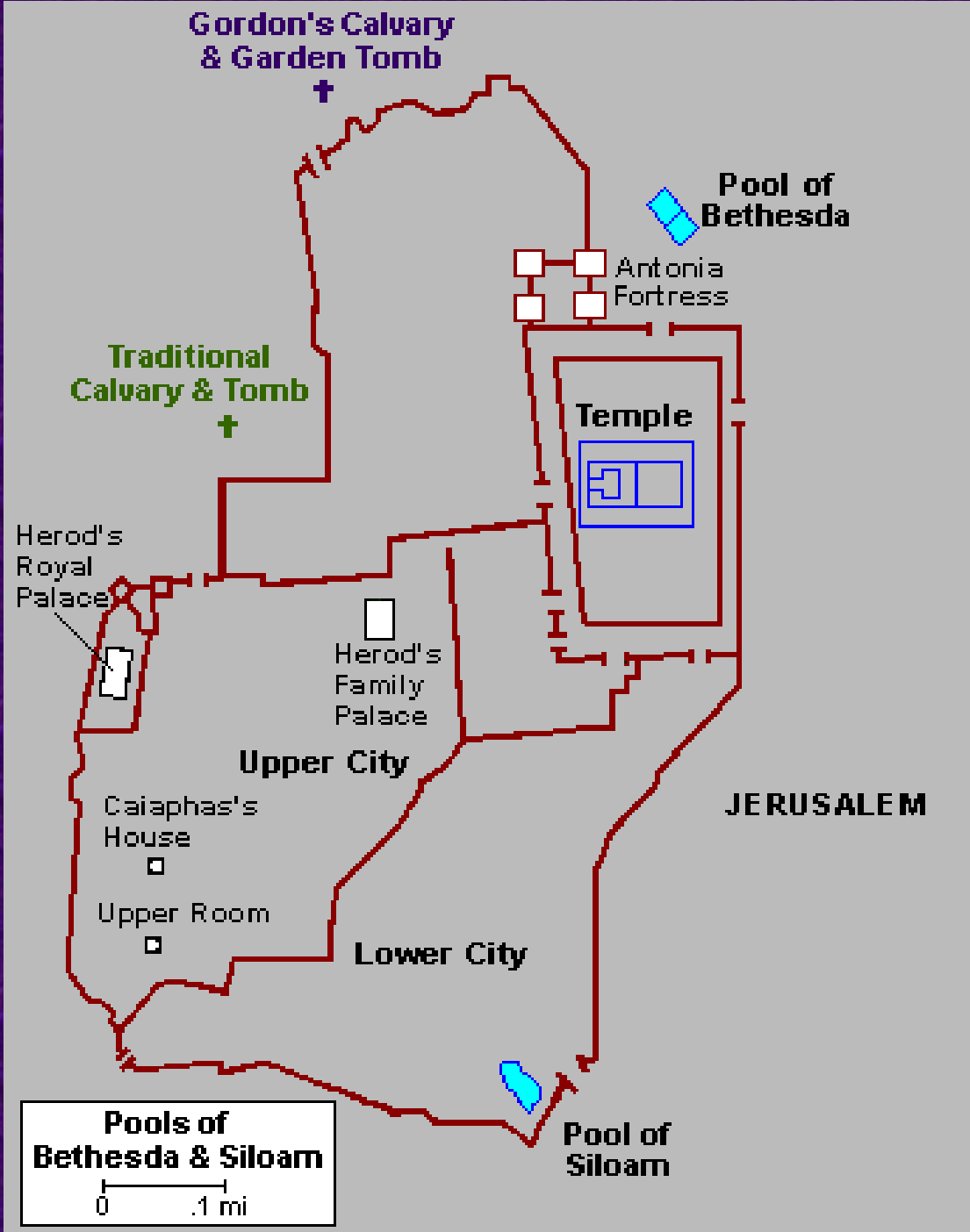
John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”



Why did Jesus use mud?

1. Jesus was again provoking the Pharisees—working, making clay on the Sabbath.
2. It required the man to do something—to wash, to exercise faith. More Sabbath work—if he had far to walk.
3. It gave Jesus time to leave the scene.
4. It gave time for the Lord to work on this man's heart before he knew who Jesus was.
5. Since the man had never seen Jesus, he couldn't describe Him to the Pharisees



The Man's Growing Awareness

- 9:11—the man called Jesus . . .
- 9:17—He is a prophet.
- 9:25—I don't know if He's a sinner, but know I see!
- 9:27—You don't want to become His disciples too, do you? [The man is not intimidated.]

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- 9:30—Amazing! You're ignorant about Him, but He opened my eyes! [in more ways than one!]
- 9:33—This man must be from God
- 9:36—Lord—term of respect
- 9:38—Lord, I believe! Followed by worship.

10:1-5—Focus is on the sheep.

1. Good Shepherd = Jesus
2. Sheep Fold (Pen) = Israel
3. The First Group of Sheep = Believing Jews (such as the healed blind man)
4. Doorkeeper = John the Baptist (see 10:41)
5. Thieves & Robbers = false teachers who exploit the sheep

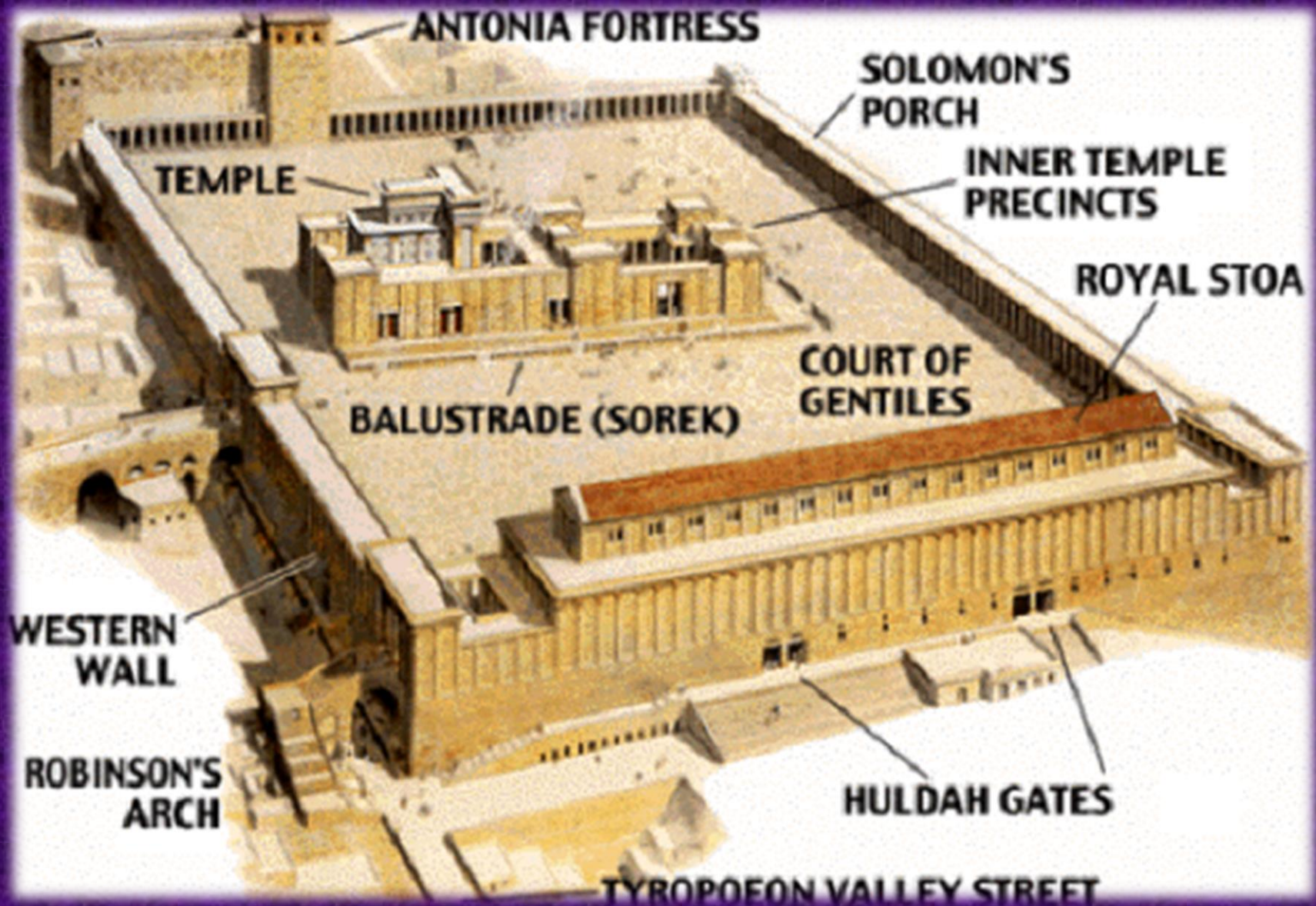
10:7-10—Focus is on the door.

- Jesus = The door to eternal life, super-abundant life (10:10)
- Psalm 23:5—You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

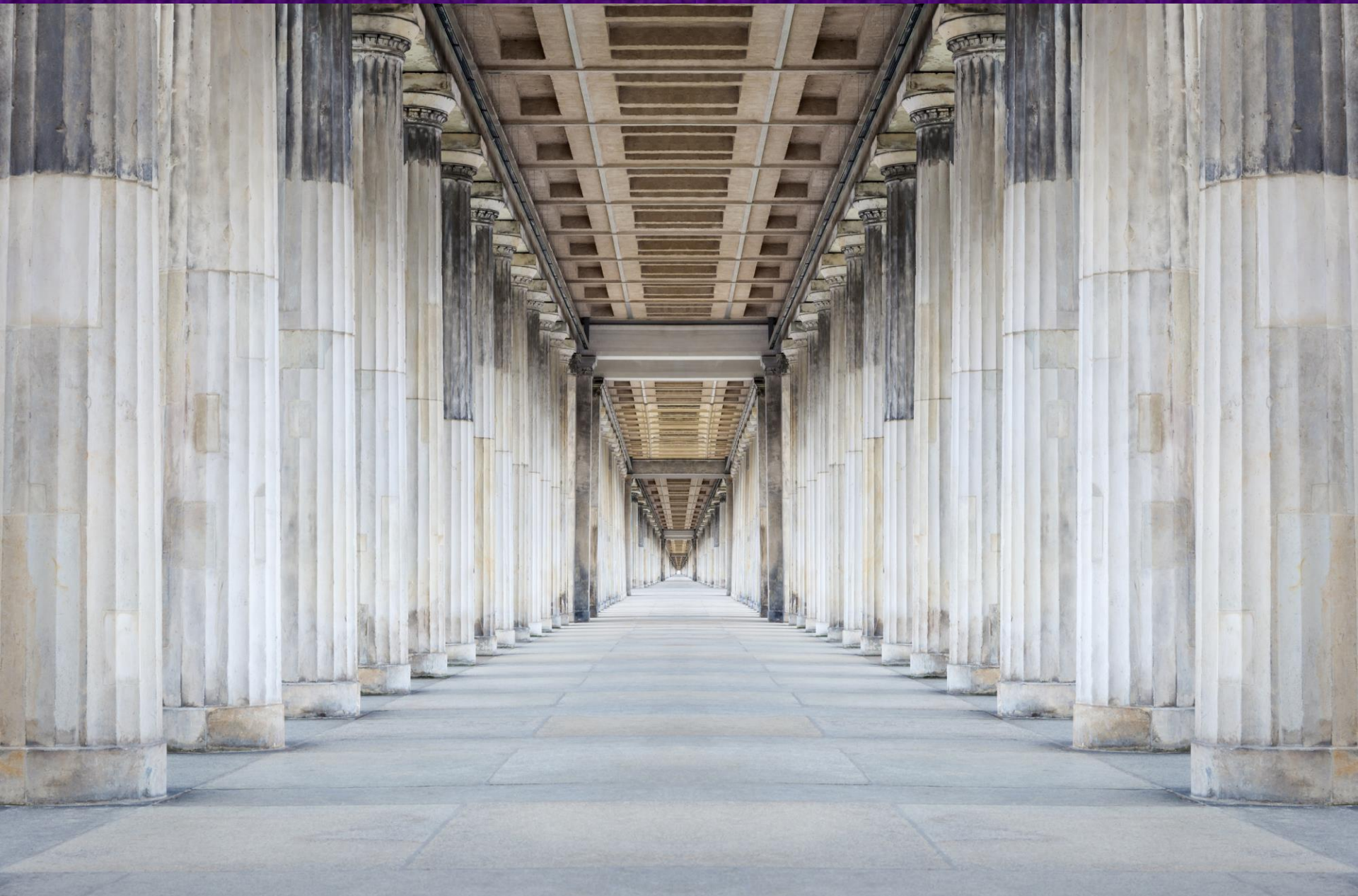
10:11-18—Focus is on the Shepherd.

1. Jesus = Shepherd who loves the sheep enough to die for them (10:11, 15, 17, 18)
2. The hired hand = One who serves only for the money, no love for the sheep
3. Wolf = any enemy of believers who threatens their safety (ultimately Satan)
4. The Sheep Not of This Fold = Believing Gentiles (to be united with believing Jews)

Solomon's Portico



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Characteristics of Jesus' Sheep

1. Responsiveness—They hear His voice (10:27).
2. Relationship—He knows them (10:27).
3. Obedience—They follow Him (10:27).
4. Eternal life—He gives it to them (10:28).
5. Assurance—They shall never perish (10:28).
6. Security—No one will snatch them out of His hand (10:28).