

Holy Sepulchre

The two sites said to be the burial site of Jesus are “The Church of the Holy Sepulchre” and the “Garden Tomb”. In case you wondered about it, this video gives a good presentation of the question. The 1st video shows both sites.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOZZaYsyx2g>

This 2nd site basically gives some FACTS about why the Garden Tomb is *probably* NOT the actual site.

<https://jjroutley.wordpress.com/2017/04/14/why-the-garden-tomb-is-probably-not-jesus-tomb/>

I think St. Helena got it right, but we cannot be 100% sure.

Why do I think that?

We know that she built the first church where people, in 300 AD, said “this is where XT was buried”. Notice that this only PROVES what people thought!

We know the people had preserved 3 “crosses” there! (cross bars only)

Why would anyone preserve 3 cross bars?

Now they say Garden Tomb is “unfinished”. True. It does fit the description of the tomb in the Gospels. I imagine there was a common pattern, don’t you?

What about the ‘crosses’? Helena discovered 3 at the Holy Sepulchre location. None at Garden. The Garden Tomb was only discovered in 1800s.

Check Wiki for other reasons: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Garden_Tomb

This is anecdotal: When I was at the Garden Tomb. I went with an Evangelical tour group from Nebraska. The guide, a retired Baptist minister, said: *The Catholics have THEIR tomb, this is OURS.* Eh?

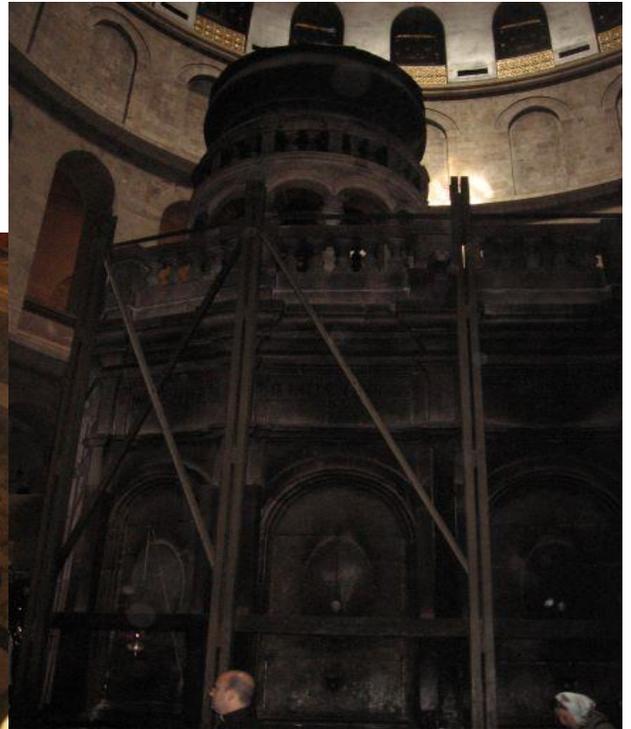
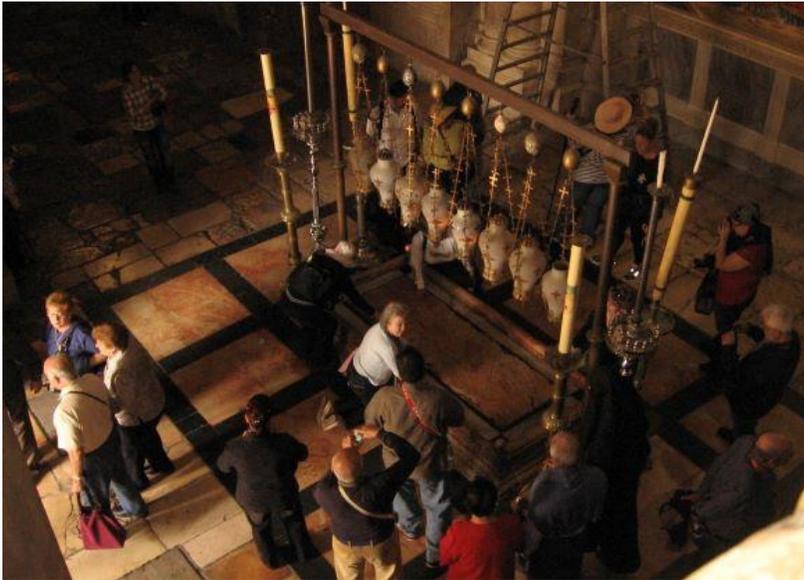
Arguing among Xtians! Well there are also all kinds of petty arguments in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre between Catholics, Greek Orthodox, and Armenians. [They have the pointed Wizard hats.] Each has claim to a certain part. I walked down into the actual tomb. Nothing there (under the ikons above in the main area in pic below) and an Armenian Monk was on guard. I put some \$\$ as a donation. I was the only one there. Nothing to ‘see’. It is EMPTY!

These
are all
pictures
I took

here the
boy kneels
directly
above
the
Armenian
tomb
I
mentioned



The Edicule, [on rt] had not been repaired because the Orthodox, who have custody of it, wouldn't let anyone do it, until recently. We have since discovered what seems to be the original slab where Xt's body was placed. The red marble [below] outside the Edicule was used to clean the body before burial. Cleaning the body, in itself was a great sacrifice because people who touched the BLOOD of Xt while cleaning the body could not celebrate Passover that year! Modern videos on the NET show the restoration of Edicule [below].



This pic is not clear because the lighting wasn't good when I took it.

[It is INSIDE the Large Church, actually 5 churches in one!]

If you see a lot of Franciscans in these videos that is because the Sultan of Egypt was so impressed that Francis of Assisi came UNARMED to convert him that he gave his followers, the Franciscans, "custody" of the Holy Sites.

From National Geo, clearly a reputable site!

notice the Franciscans watching; Orthodox priest and nun.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkxm_k9wVs0 2:30min

Nat Geo: contains some diagrams showing the 5 actual buildings that make the Holy Sepulchre over the Centuries.

It actually holds the last FIVE traditional Stations of the Cross.

2 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D-8vsw11i0>

This is a longer, but concise, history of the Holy Sepulchre.

7:15 min

The video says that Hadrian built a temple to Venus to prevent the new radical Xtians from praying there where they claimed this *CRISTUS* ('Cristus' is the term the Romans used) was buried.

Another reason it is the 'real' tomb of Xt. A little detail, but Hadrian a NON-Xtian Roman supports that this is the actual place Jesus was crucified [Golgotha is in one part]—then not much of a hill, just a little elevation outside Jerusalem on the main road, now a little mound INSIDE. I have to say I was too exhausted to walk up; I just looked at it.

Since it was late on Friday, and before the Passover, they had to get Jesus in a grave quickly. This is right there close to Golgotha. Another reason.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJja3S0BSXY>

When you open these videos there are others that appear, if you want to see more.

