

Jerusalem: Crossroads of the World #3

Mount Zion and the Armenian Quarter

Timeline of Mount Zion and the Armenian Quarter

Late First Temple period: walls of the city reach to here. Graves of the kings of the house of David?

Second Temple period: Mount Zion within city walls, synagogue here?

Byzantine period: Hagia Sion church on Mount Zion, Armenian community begins in Jerusalem

Crusader period: Cenaculum (Last Supper) building above David's Tomb. Franciscan Center on Mount Zion. Armenians build St. James Cathedral

1260s Nachmanides establishes Jewish neighborhood on Mount Zion?

Ottoman period (16th c) Franciscans evicted, Jews and Christians forbidden to enter David's tomb, Cenaculum turned into a mosque. Dajani family caretakers of tomb.

19th century: Dormition Church, Bishop Gobat school

1915 – 1923 Armenian genocide

1948 War of Independence, Mount Zion remains in Israeli hands

1948-67 Jewish center on Mount Zion

King David's Tomb?

Kings 1 2:10 So David slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David.

Kings 1 11:43 Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam succeeded him as king.

Chronicles 2 32:33 Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and was buried on the upper part of the tombs of the sons of David.

Kings 2 21:18 Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his palace, in the garden of Uzza; and his son Amon succeeded him as king.

The Room of the Last Supper: Cenaculum

Luke 22: ⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus^[a] sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹ They asked him, "Where do you

want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰ "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" ¹² **He will show you a large room upstairs**, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³ So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.