

Holy Sepulcher  
*The History of Your Faith*  
(1 Cor. 15:1-8) NLT

**SPECIAL NOTE HOLY SEPULCHER VISITOR**

In the ancient days most people did not read or write. Therefore, in eastern Christianity veneration and awe were expressed thru ornament & design. This site has reflected this truth for nearly 2,000 years. We must dump our judgmental western cultural views, or we will miss the beauty being expressed here.

**SHORT BACKGROUND NOTES:**

- √ (70AD) Temple & Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans under **Titus**.
- √ (132AD) Jewish revolt – *Bar Kokhba*.
- √ (135AD) Roman Emperor **Hadrian** destroyed Jerusalem again...
  - He lived (117 – 138AD)
  - Changed its orientation & renamed City *Aelia Capitolina*...
    - And renamed the Country from *Israel* to *Palestine*.
      - † Filled the rock quarry.
      - † Built temple dedicated to Jupiter & Aphrodite...
        - Greek goddess of sexual love (Romans = Venus).
    - Placed statue of Venus on top of Golgotha.
    - Placed statue of Jupiter on top of Tomb of Christ.
- √ (313 AD) Roman Emperor **Constantine** legalized Christianity...
  - Across the Roman Empire.
- √ (325 AD) **Helena (Constantine's Mom)** came to Israel and had churches...
  - Build over the main events in the life of Jesus...
    - Which included the Holy Sepulcher.
- √ **Eusebius** (260 – 339AD) known as “*the Father of Christian History*” later wrote that Hadrian was trying to bury the tomb of Christ.
- √ **Jerome**

\*Front entry to Holy Sepulcher – 11<sup>th</sup> Century *stone of unction* was added.

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**RECOMMENDED REFERENCE:**

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