

of Calvary and of the tomb of Christ. When Constantine's mother visited Jerusalem early in the fourth century she found locations at which she believed each of these events to have occurred. Constantine ordered a beautiful church erected, with walls that would surround both places. Despite vicissitudes of earthquake, fire, and damage by invaders, the location that Helena selected has been remembered ever since. The present church that stands on the spot was built by the crusaders shortly after 1100 A.D. When Edward Robinson visited Jerusalem in 1838 he rejected the claims of this Church of the Holy Sepulchre, "for since the New Testament states that the crucifixion occurred outside the city walls, and the "Church of the Holy Sepulchre" is inside the present walls of Jerusalem. However, the ardent defenders of the site insist that at the time of Christ the wall was further south than the present wall. Here archeology might well play an important part in the determination of a point of Biblical geography. Unfortunately, the area south of the Church is covered by a crowded city, so that excavation is virtually impossible. It may well be that we will never know with any certainty where the actual tomb of Christ was or where the crucifixion occurred. We know where Constantine thought it to be, but many upheavals had occurred during the previous three centuries, in which Christians showed little interest in preserving knowledge of sacred sites. If the Lord had desired us to know the exact spot he could easily have caused more information on this point to be contained in the gospel narrative.

About 1880 the ~~favour~~ famous General Charles G. Gordon adopted the view that the real Calvary was a hill, north of the present wall, which looks very much like a skull, and which has now come to be called "Gordon's Calvary." Near it is a rock-hewn tomb, which is now called "The Garden Tomb." Many people scoff at these two as not having any possibility of being the actual place where Christ was crucified or where he was buried. The fact is that we do not know where these events occurred. Yet at the Garden Tomb, & one can see the city wall and the more distant Mount of Olives,