

**MATTHEW:
THE GOSPEL
OF THE KINGDOM**

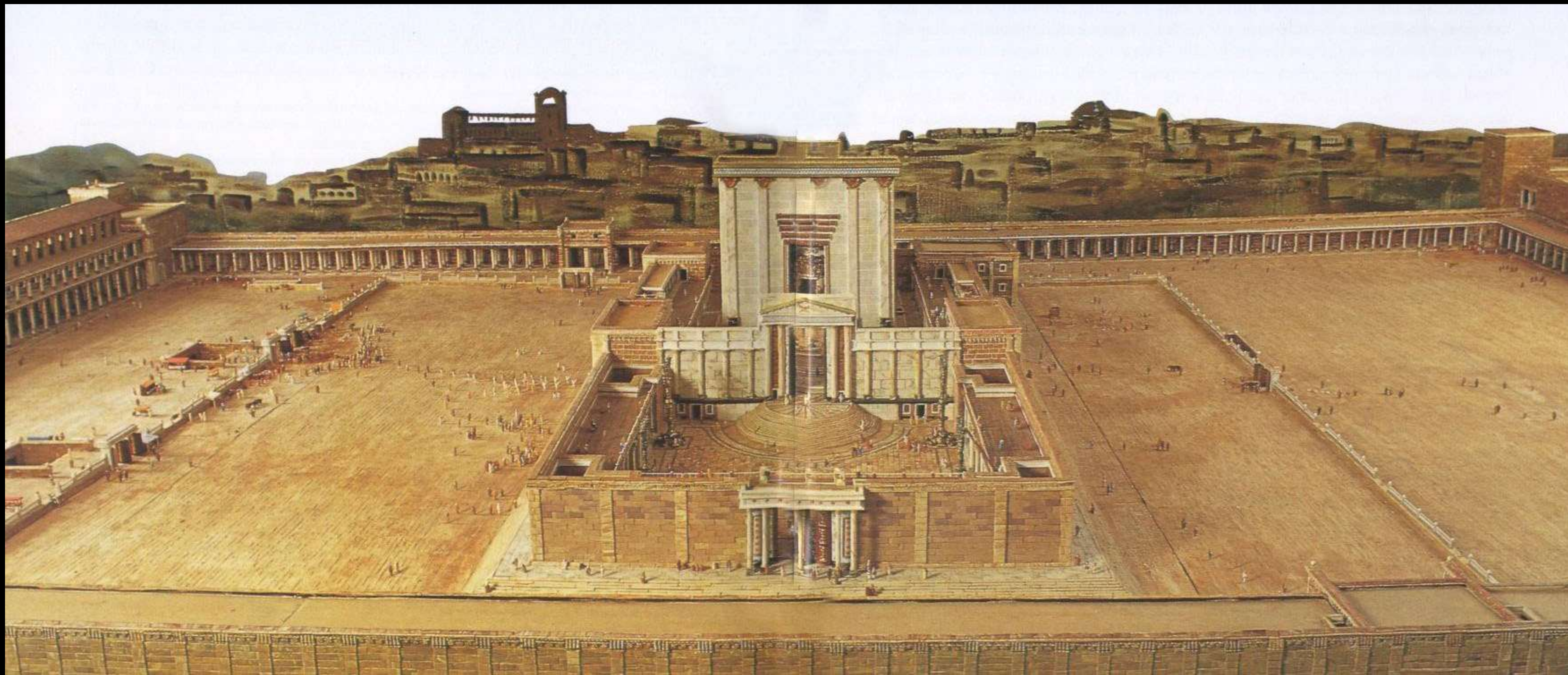
**The King Comes
to the House of Prayer**

Matthew 21:12-17

Introduction

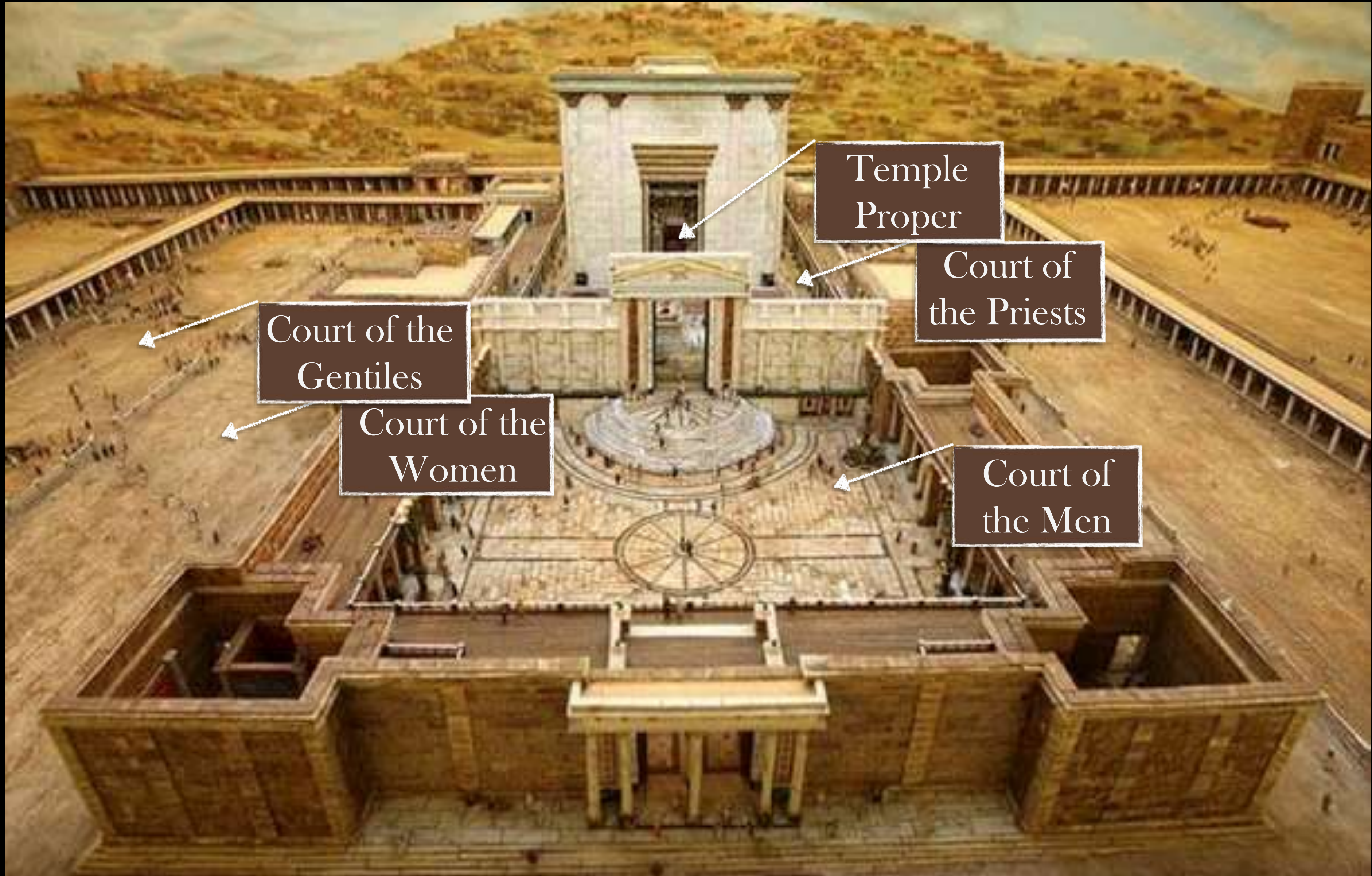
- The **exact chronology** is difficult due to harmonization with Mark and Luke.
- Matthew presents entry/temple/retirement/fig tree, while Mk presents entry/retirement/fig tree/temple
 - It appears that the writers are presenting **general chronology**, but are often more directed by **theme/motif** and the shape of their storytelling.
- While this may make the modern person who demands of the Gospels a stricter chronology, it was something the writers themselves had no problem with even as they shared sources and had at least some influence from the other writers (bringing into issue discussions of sources).
- One approach of telling the Jesus story is **harmonization** of the 4 Gospels, but this risks losing the **implicit themes/motifs** shaped by the inspired writers.

And Jesus entered the *temple*





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Temple
Proper

Court of
the Priests

Court of the
Gentiles

Court of the
Women

Court of
the Men





The middle wall
of partition?
Eph 2:14

The Temple Cleansed (12-13)

And Jesus *entered* the temple

and *drove out* all who sold and bought in the temple,

and he *overturned* the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

He said to them, "It is written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer,'

but you make it a den of robbers."

The Needy Healed (14)

And the blind and the lame
came to him in the temple,
and he *healed* them.

The Self-Righteous Indignant (15-16)

But when the chief priests and the scribes
saw the *wonderful* things that *he* did,
and [heard] the children crying out in the temple,
“Hosanna to *the Son of David!*”
they were *indignant*,
and they said to him,
“Do you hear what these are saying?”

The Praise Justified (16)

And Jesus said to them, “*Yes;*

have you never read,

““Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared *praise*’?””

And *leaving* them,

he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Application