

Archaeology and the Bible

Lesson 1 – The Megiddo Mosaic

- I. Earliest Christian Worship Space
 - a. Inside a Roman Army Camp
 - b. Christian Symbols
- II. Inscriptions
 - a. “God Jesus Christ”
 - b. The Centurion Gaius
 - c. Women Patrons
- III. The Altar – “Trapezan”

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*Mosaic Floor of Earliest Known Christian Worship Space
Near Megiddo, Israel
Dated to 230 AD*

For Further Discussion:

1. How important is it to your trust in the Bible to see historical finds like this?
2. Which of the three inscriptions surprise/impress you most:
 - a. “the God Jesus Christ”
 - b. The Centurion Gaius
 - c. The Women patrons
3. In your own words, what is the significance that the altar is called a table? Why was communion central to early Christian faith?