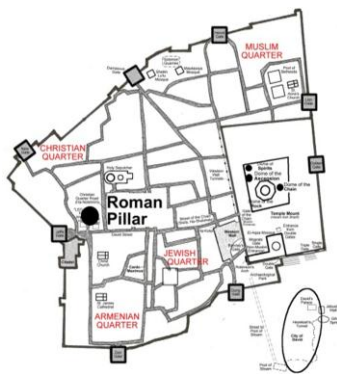


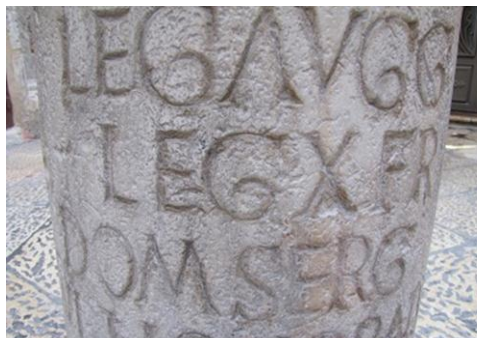
Roman Pillar

This Roman column was set in place around 200 AD near the camp of the Tenth Roman Legion, which had been stationed in Jerusalem since 70 AD. Today this pillar is located in the Christian Quarter at an intersection of four covered streets, which is up a narrow road going north, just inside the Jaffa



The inscription on the column recognizes Marcus Iunius Maximus who was the governor of the province of Judea and commander of the Tenth Roman Legion! Marcus Maximus is identified by two titles:

1. He is “Legate of the Augustus” (*Legato Augustorum*).
Being a legate means he held the office of general in the Roman army and that he was from the senatorial class. In this case, he was also appointed as the Governor of Judea.
2. He is also the general and commander of the Tenth Roman Legion known as “Legio X Fretensis,” or “Tenth Legion of the Sea Strait”. They were stationed in Jerusalem for 200 years and is last recorded to exist around 410 AD.



**Marco Iunio
Maximo
Legato Augustorum
Legionis X Fretensis
C. Domitius Sergius
Antoninianae
Strator eius**