The Lord Jesus Christ's sacrificial death probably occurred here, north of Jerusalem, just as the sin-offerings were slain at the north of the altar.

Leviticus 1:11

Violin Solo
We rarely miss visiting the place treasured by millions—the Garden Tomb, from which we view Skull Hill, located just above the present Arab bus depot! It was General Charles Gordon, a friend of Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), author of “It Is Well with My Soul,” from his place of study and meditation on the roof of the Spafford home in Jerusalem, opposite this hill, who convincingly identified the Jewish “place of stoning,” the place of execution, as the “place called Golgotha.”

Some English Christians began negotiating with the Turks for its purchase, in order to preserve this locality, “which must be of the highest value and interest to all Christians.” The purchase price was substantial—£4000, and although it was finally purchased, the battle was fierce, and the subsequent history of this tranquil plot of land has continued to be riddled with turbulence and to be a place of controversy, just as is the city of Jerusalem to the modern world today.