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A view from my window in the early morning.



Assisi is a heart...an affair of the heart...One speaks to the heart. In Assisi one feels close to the heart of Christ.

This is the Piazza Comune or Government plaza which is the main piazza of Assisi. Central is the fountain.

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The five Roman columns you see on the right are from the Temple of Minerva. Historians and Archaeologists now believe that the temple was dedicated to the twin

Roman gods Castor and Pollux.



The current piazza was built over Roman ruins and was substantially lower in ancient times. The city of Assisi passed into the hands of the Romans about 339 B.C.E. There has been extensive excavation of the ruins under the piazza.

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Tribunal

- Placed along the axis of the temple there is a U shaped limestone podium; it was probably a sort of tribunal for public speakers, with the holes on its surface being for the joint pins for the seats of the magistrates or priests.

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It was fascinating to see the old ruins. Francis and Clare would have seen the Temple of Minerva. The other parts of the piazza were rebuilt in the 1300's.

Reflection:

Assisi has been called the New Jerusalem. What does this say?