

Knights Hospitaller and consolidation of Christianity: indications of religious changes and socio-political processes in the archaeological record

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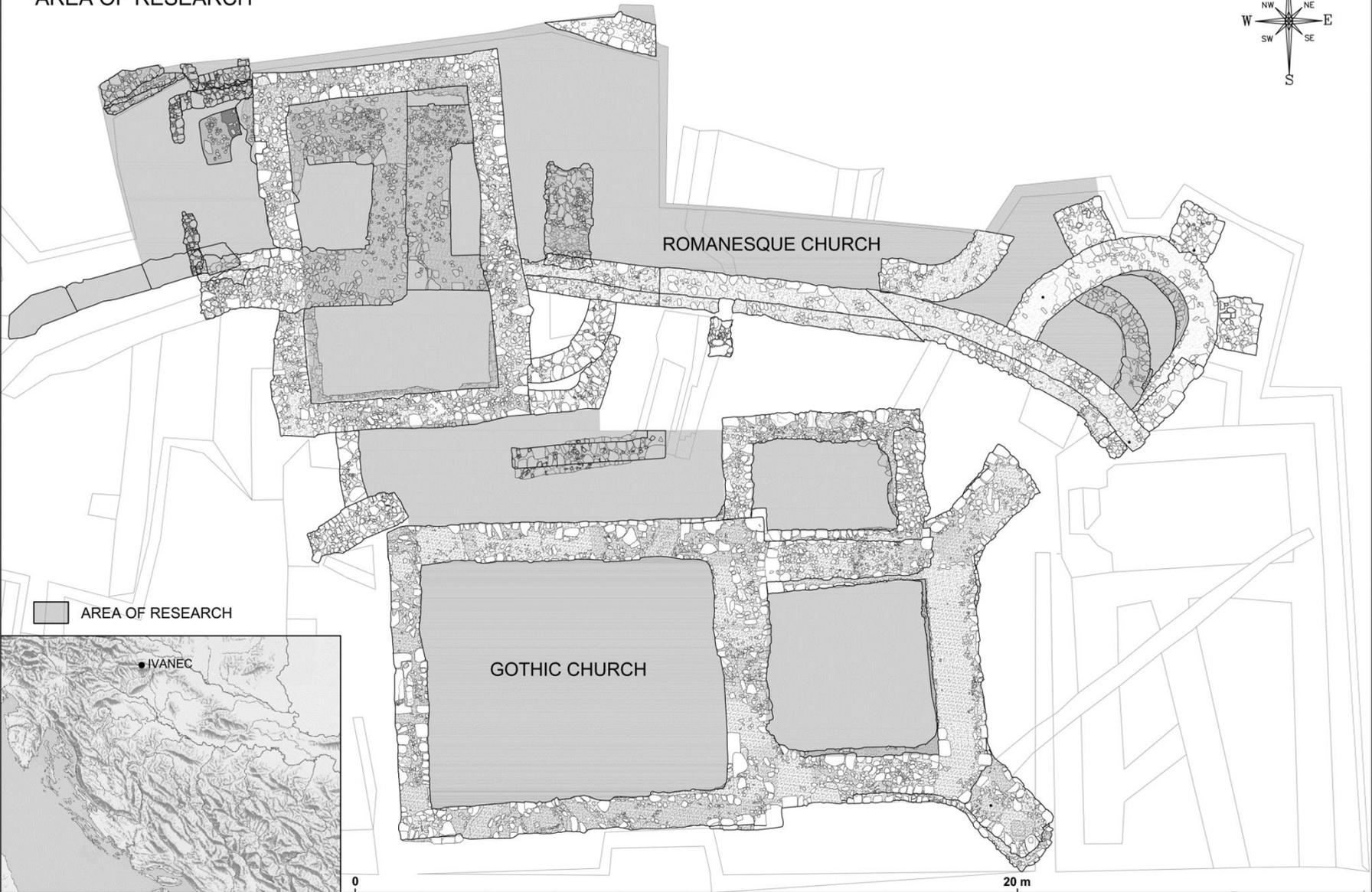
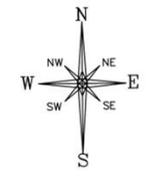
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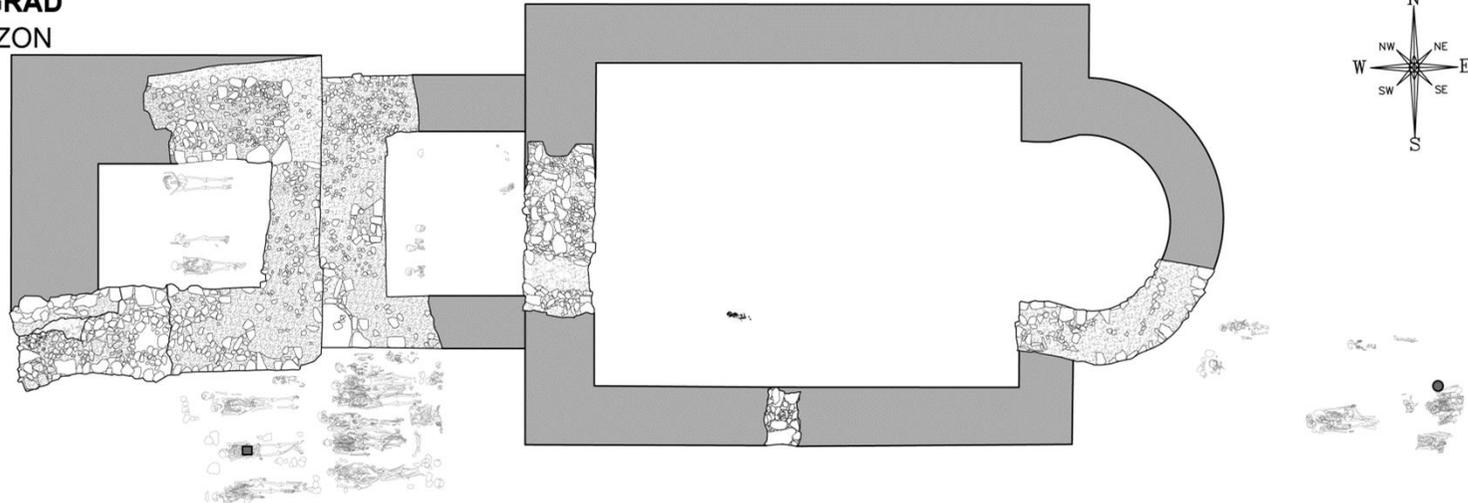
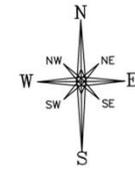
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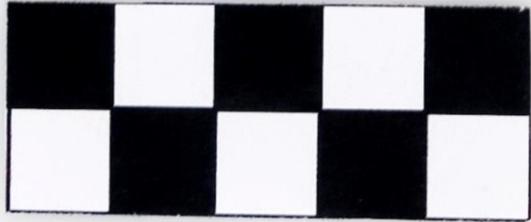
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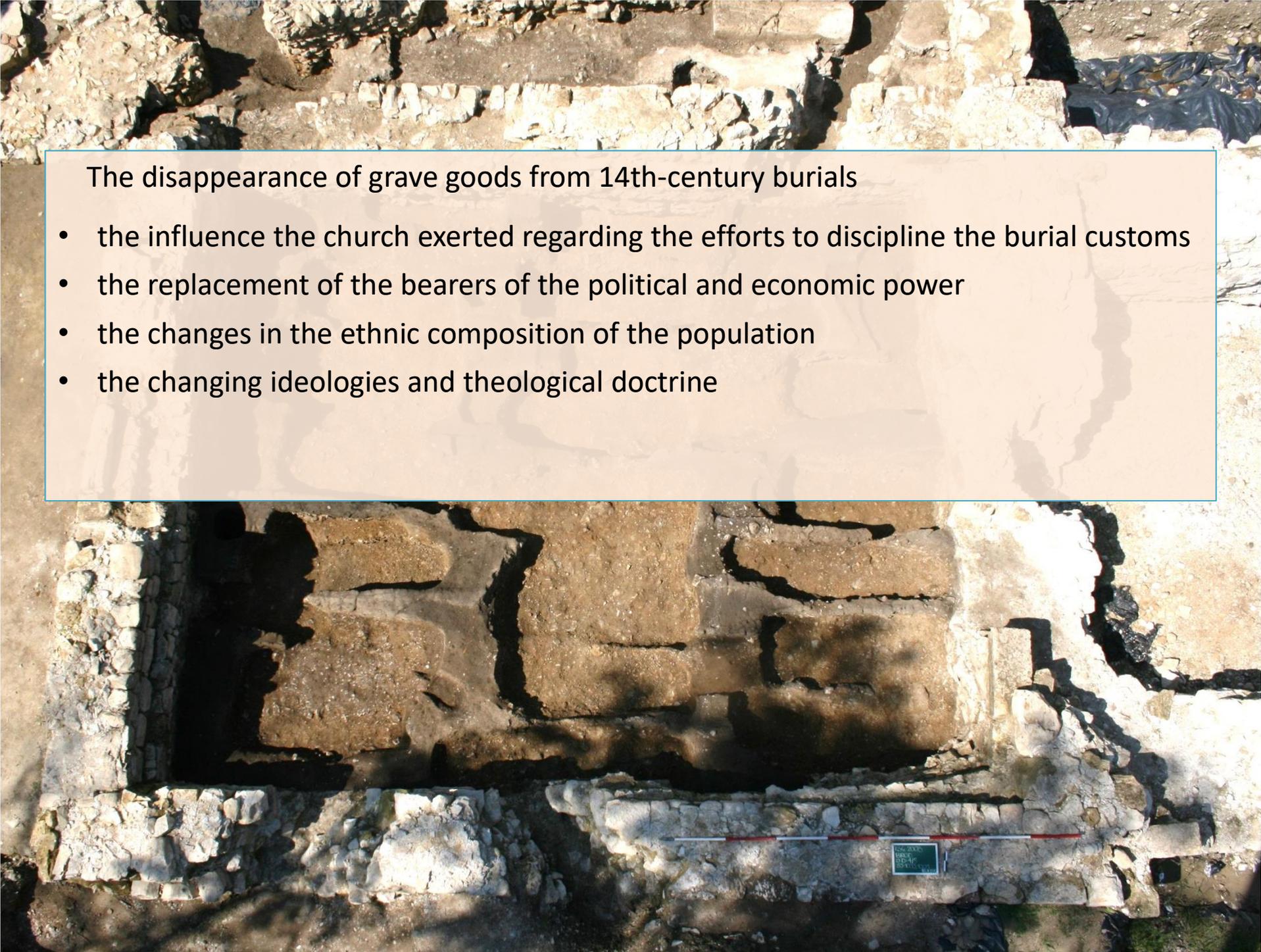
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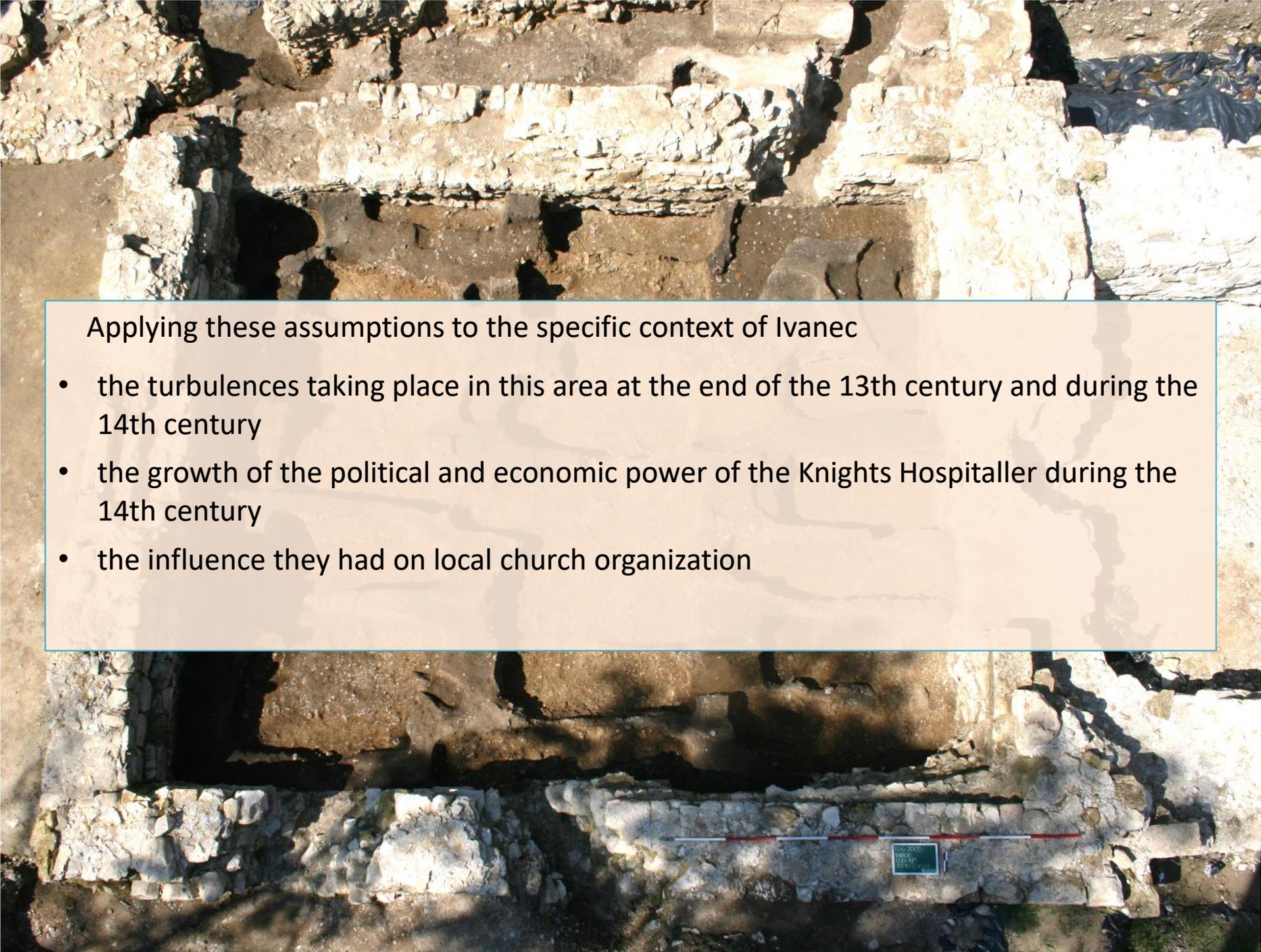




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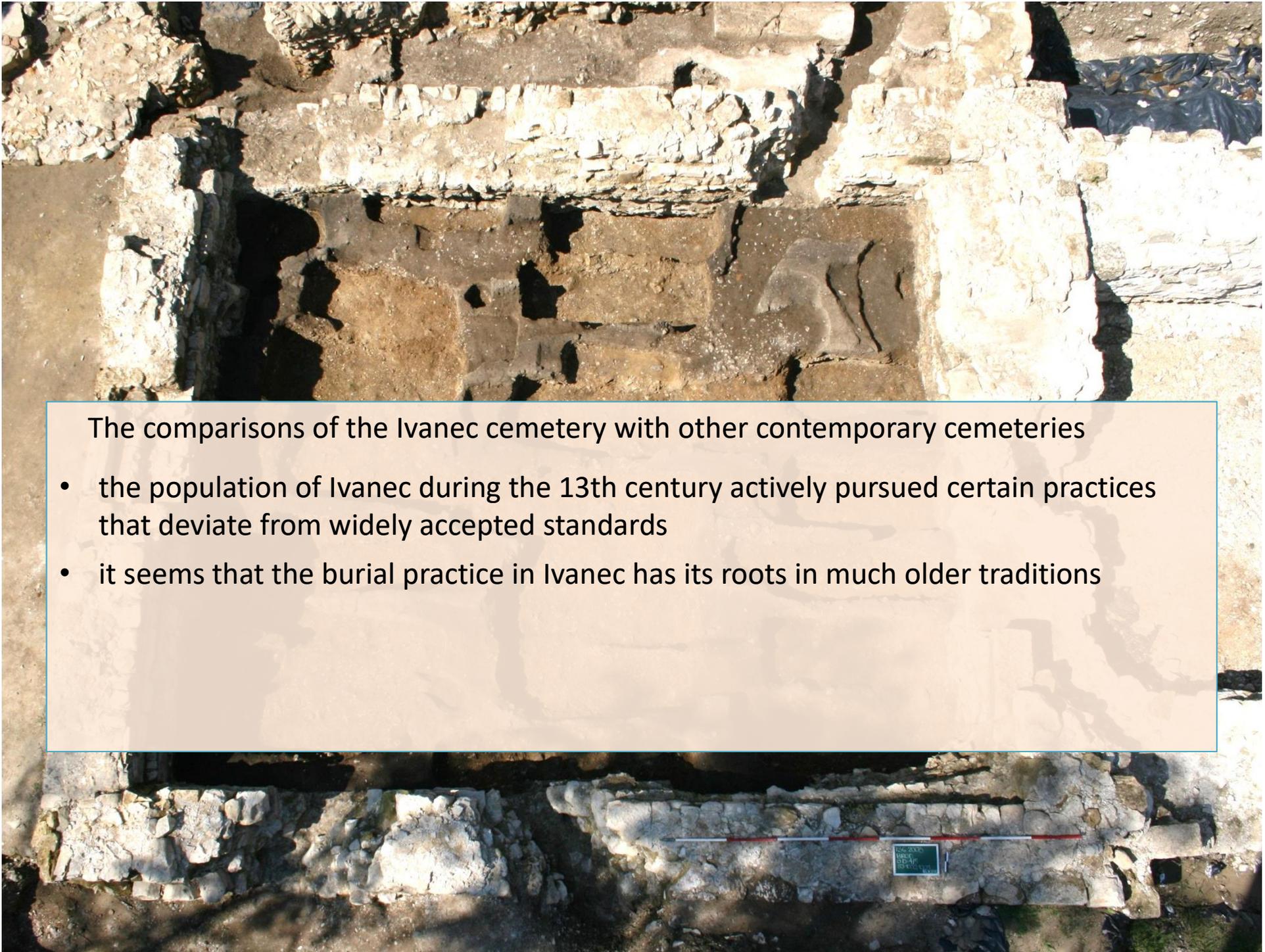
The disappearance of grave goods from 14th-century burials

- the influence the church exerted regarding the efforts to discipline the burial customs
- the replacement of the bearers of the political and economic power
- the changes in the ethnic composition of the population
- the changing ideologies and theological doctrine

The image shows an archaeological excavation site with several stone walls and a trench. The walls are made of light-colored, roughly-hewn stones. A trench has been dug into the ground, revealing the foundations and lower courses of the walls. A red and white measuring tape is placed horizontally across the trench for scale. A small green sign with white text is visible in the lower right corner of the trench. The background shows more of the excavation site, including a blue tarp and some earth.

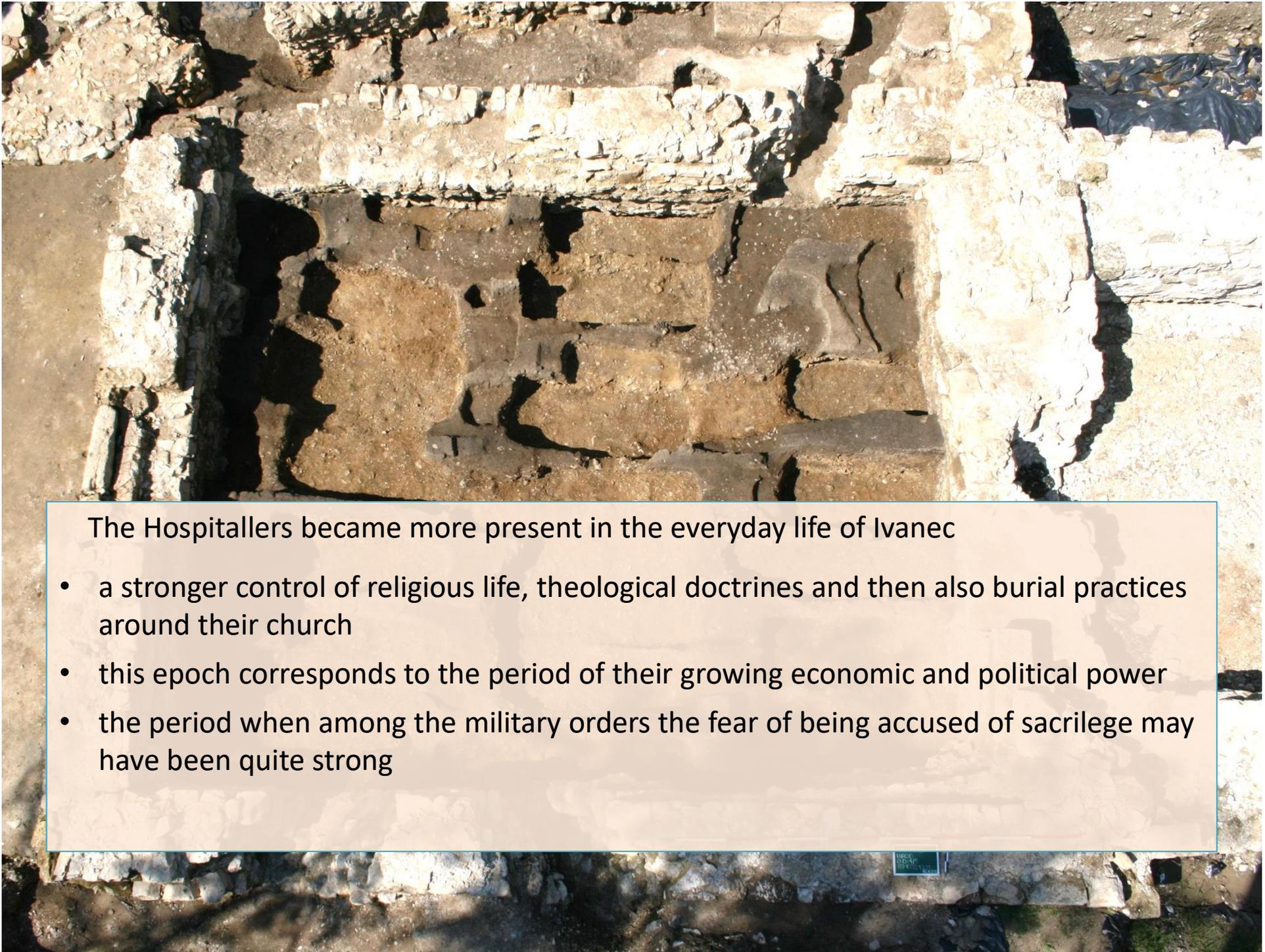
Applying these assumptions to the specific context of Ivanec

- the turbulences taking place in this area at the end of the 13th century and during the 14th century
- the growth of the political and economic power of the Knights Hospitaller during the 14th century
- the influence they had on local church organization



The comparisons of the Ivanec cemetery with other contemporary cemeteries

- the population of Ivanec during the 13th century actively pursued certain practices that deviate from widely accepted standards
- it seems that the burial practice in Ivanec has its roots in much older traditions



The Hospitallers became more present in the everyday life of Ivanec

- a stronger control of religious life, theological doctrines and then also burial practices around their church
- this epoch corresponds to the period of their growing economic and political power
- the period when among the military orders the fear of being accused of sacrilege may have been quite strong