

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

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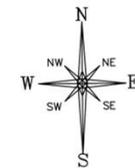
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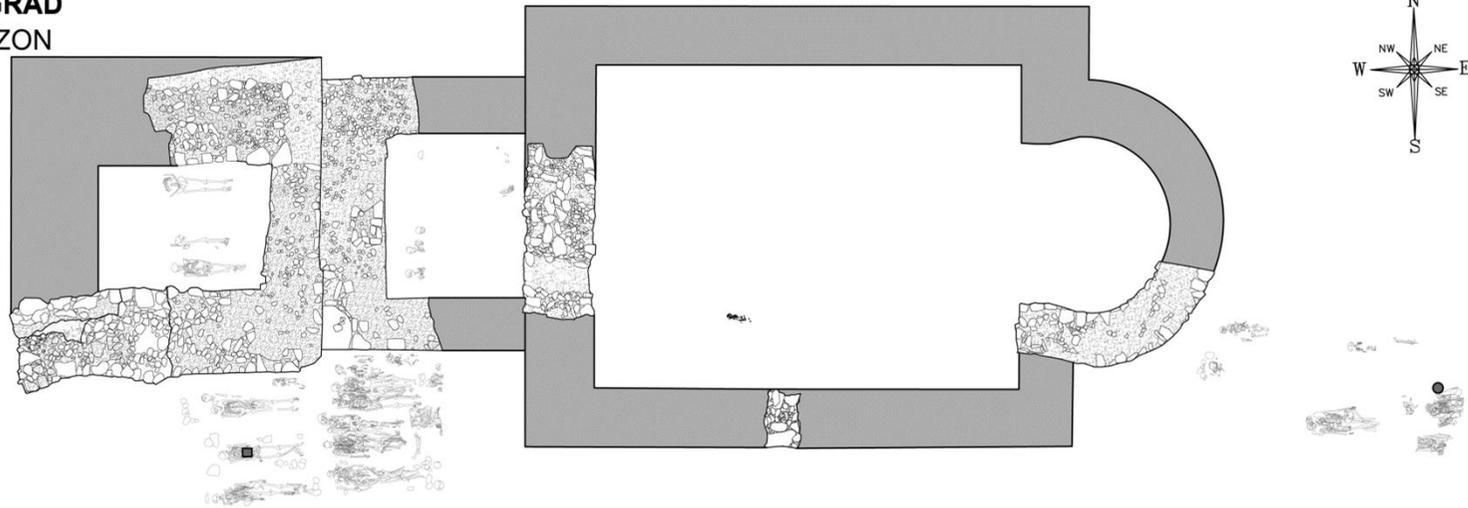
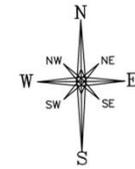
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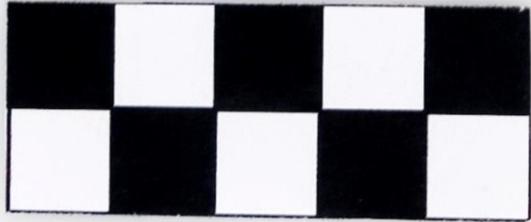
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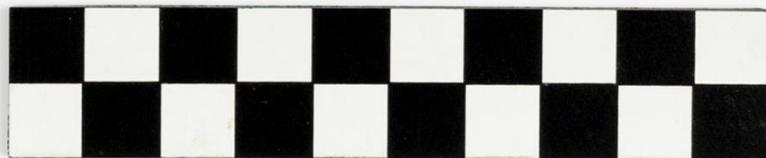
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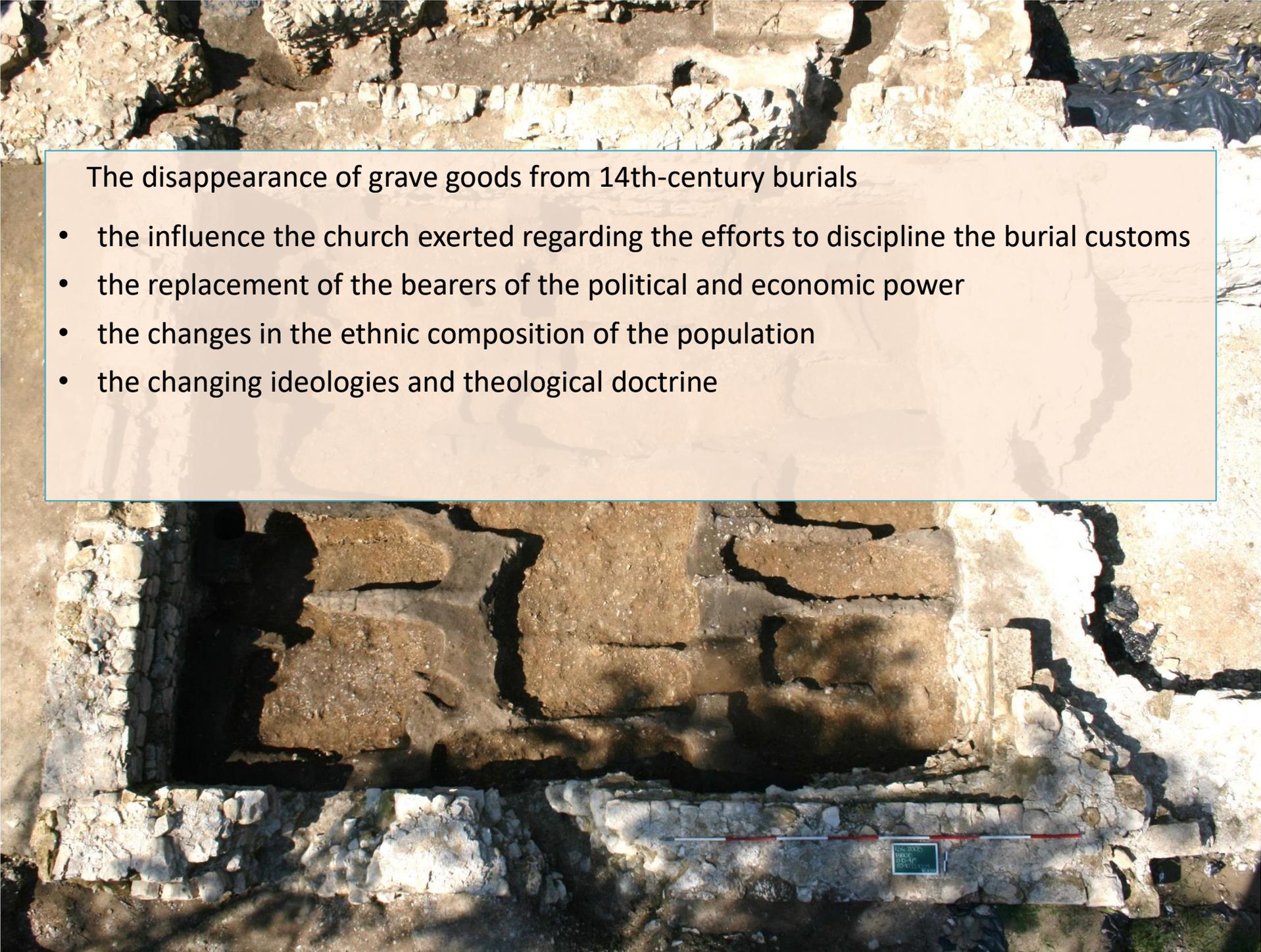
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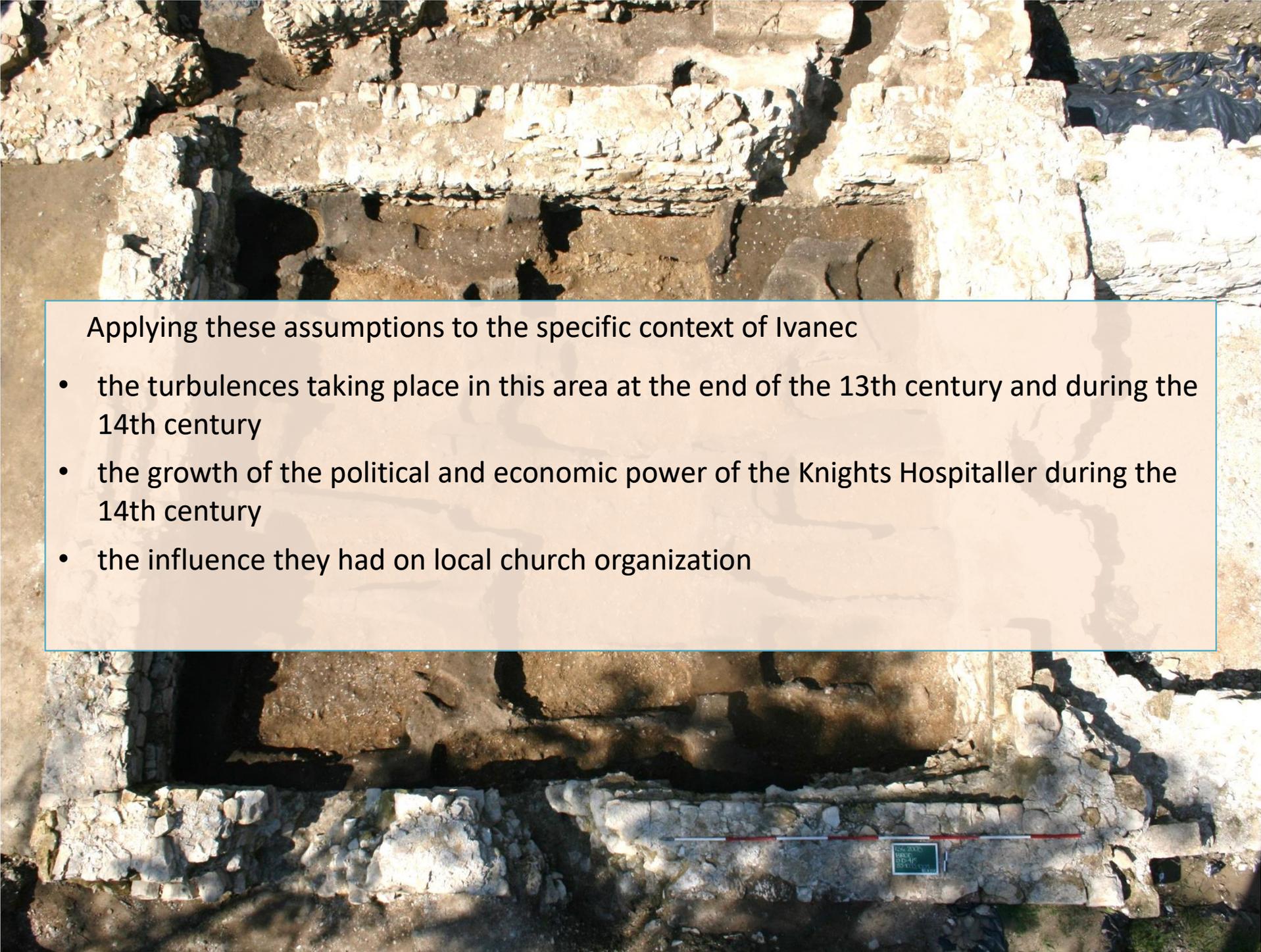






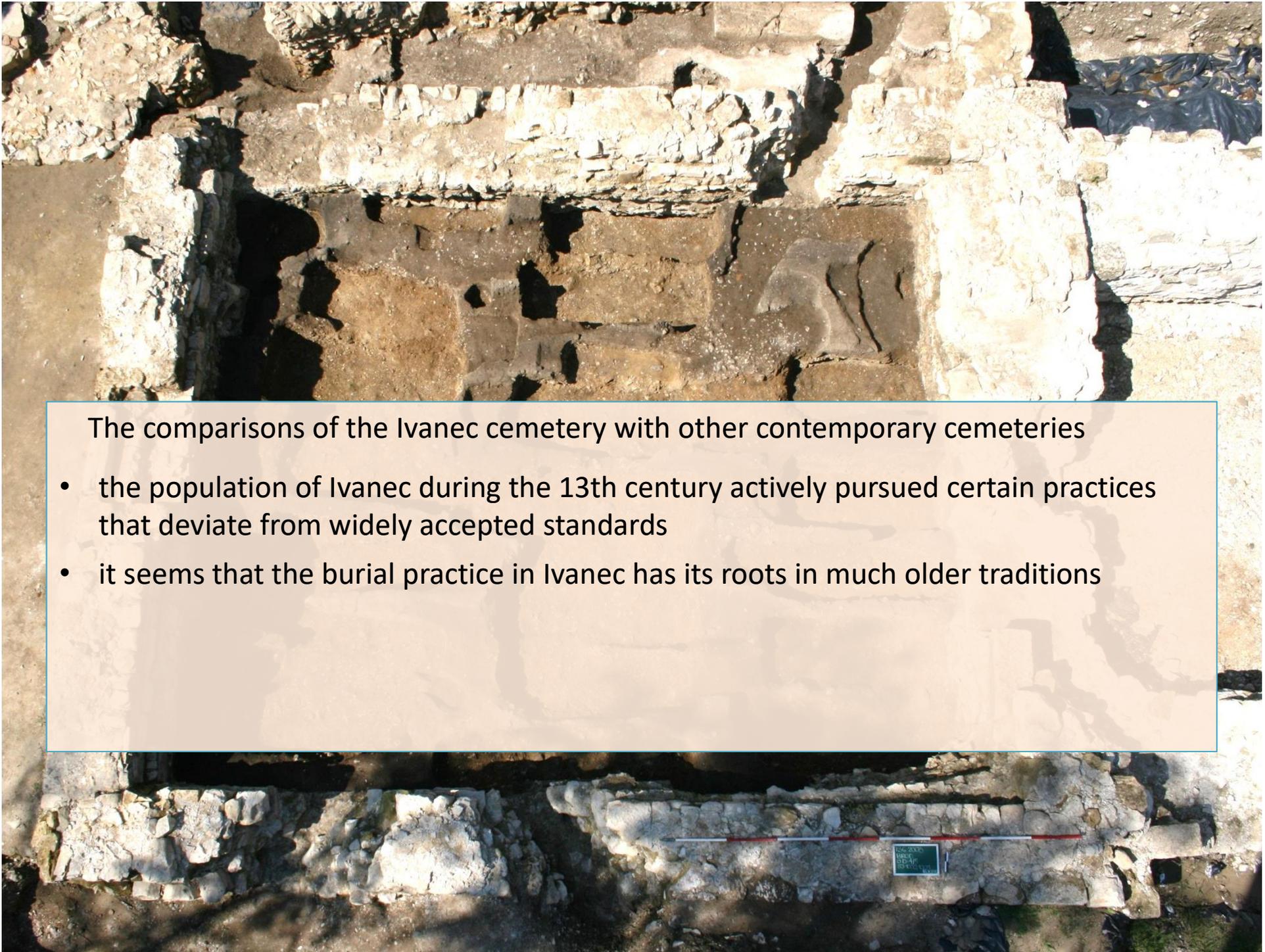
The disappearance of grave goods from 14th-century burials

- 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

An aerial photograph of an archaeological excavation site. The image shows several stone walls and a large trench. The walls are made of light-colored, roughly-hewn stones. The trench is filled with dark soil and has a red and white measuring tape placed along its length. A small green sign is visible in the lower right corner of the trench. The overall scene is a well-documented archaeological site.

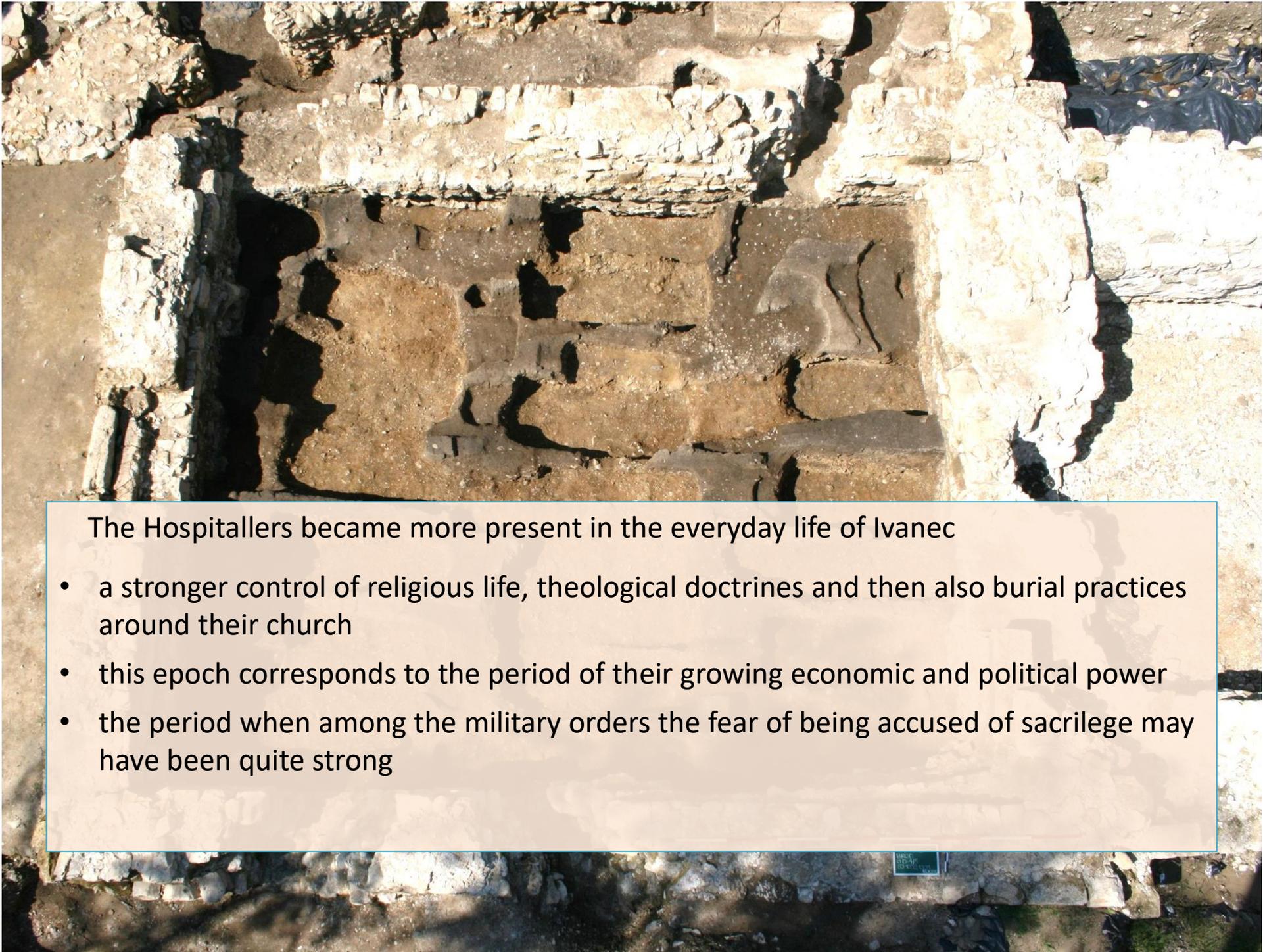
Applying these assumptions to the specific context of Ivanec

- 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