



The Life & World of Jesus

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

May 26–June 5, 2012

Hosted by: The Rev. Shawn Porter & Bishop Neil Lebhar



Trace the life of Jesus from His home in Galilee to Jerusalem, with particular attention to the influence of Jewish thought and culture of the period on the origins of Christianity. Achieve a better understanding of Jesus' ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings for us today.



Top: Sea of Galilee from Mt. of Beatitudes

Bottom: Church of the Beatitudes



Western Wall & Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem



Top: Synagogue at Capernaum

Bottom: Cave #4, Qumran



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Saturday, May 26 Travel to Israel

Depart the Jacksonville International Airport via Newark for the transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Sunday, May 27 The Land of Promise

Arrive in Tel Aviv this morning. From the airport, stop near Zichron Yaakov for lunch. Spend the afternoon exploring the fabulous remains of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima. This is the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail with the Good News to the Gentile world. Overnight at the Blue Bay Hotel in Netanya along the Mediterranean Coast.

Monday, May 28 Light to the Nations

Travel up the coast to Mount Carmel for a spectacular view over Northern Israel. Study Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal. Follow the route of the ancient Via Maris, passing through the Jezreel Valley which is a candidate for the location of the battle of Armageddon. Travel to Megiddo for a scenic overlook of the Jezreel valley and study the significance of this site in history and in prophecy. The journey is devoted to discussing Jewish apocalyptic literature and the book of Revelation. Stop at ancient Nazareth to contemplate Jesus' home life, the town and His early ministry. Conclude the day at the Jordan River, and discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship to the ministry of Jesus. Overnight accommodations are at Ma'agan, Sea of Galilee.



Tuesday, May 29 Around the Sea of Galilee—The Life of Jesus' Disciples

Today is spent visiting various sites around Lake Galilee to picture the Galilee ministry of Jesus and the lives of His disciples.



Start the day with a view from the traditional site of the Mount of Beatitudes and study Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God. Stop at the two "cursed" cities of Chorazin and Capernaum and discuss Jesus' relationship to the Pharisees. Gain an understanding of the New Testament fishing industry of these places and their relationship to the miracles of Jesus along the way. After lunch and a contemplative time by the shores of the Lake, visit Kibbutz Ginossar to see a fishing boat from the time of Jesus and set sail on the Lake. In the evening, enjoy meeting with a local Messianic believer. Overnight accommodations are at Ma'agan, Sea of Galilee.

Wednesday, May 30 Exploring the Golan—The Kingdom of God & Biblical Imagery



The day begins at the reconstructed biblical village at Katzrin to examine life in New Testament times and the use of its everyday imagery in Scripture. Climb up to the magnificent Golan Heights near Israel's highest mountain and discuss the Transfiguration and its relationship to the Hebrew Scriptures. Stop at the nature reserve of Dan, for a pleasant walk by a stream that is the main source of the Jordan River, and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Scriptures. While at Dan, see the incredible archeological site including the place of pagan worship and city gate from the time of Abraham. Overnight accommodations at Ma'agan, Sea of Galilee.

Thursday, May 31 The Jordan Valley & The Desert As A Refuge

Travel south down the spectacular Syrian-African rift and learn how that conflict was instrumental in renewing various kinds of Jewish settlement in the Holy Land throughout the last 200 years. Time permitting;



continue the day at Masada, one of Herod the Great's magnificent fortresses and the last Jewish stronghold to fall captive to the Romans. Discuss the nature of the Herodian dynasty and Zealot ideology. On the way back north, see the beautiful subtropical oasis of En Gedi before arriving at the site of Qumran, home to what is probably the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel—the Dead Sea Scrolls. Discuss the relevance of the scrolls and their impact on Christianity. End the day by enjoying a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. After stopping for an overlook of Jericho—the oldest and lowest city on earth, make the final ascent to Jerusalem—the City of the Great King. After dinner, enjoy a short stroll for a rooftop panoramic view of the Old City and testimonies from the Director of Shoresh and his wife. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.

Friday, June 1 Discovering Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

Today is devoted to learning about Jerusalem in the Second Temple era. Travel to the Temple Mount

to consider some of Jesus' activities there. After a visit to the Western Wall, Judaism's most holy site, travel through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City and the palatial mansions that were the home of the Sadducees.

Study

Jesus' attitude toward the priesthood and Sadducee beliefs. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.



Saturday, June 2 In the Steps of Jesus—s—Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection

The day begins with a visit to a tomb from the time of Jesus. Walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane to learn about crucifixion, burial and resurrection according to Jewish sources outside of the Bible. This information sheds new light on the narrative of the heart of the New Testament—the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Time permitting, visit the Sisters of Zion Convent, the possible location of the Antonia Fortress. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, ending the day with a time of reflection at the Garden Tomb. This evening there is a special dinner out for a time of fellowship and fun before viewing the Night Spectacular (light show) at the Tower of David. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.

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Sunday, June 3 Rachel Weeping for Her Children

After participating in the worship service at Christ Church, travel to a viewpoint overlooking the hills of Ephrata to see Bethlehem and the possible location of where shepherds first heard of the



advent of Messiah. In the afternoon, take a trip to the tunnels under the Western Wall plaza, affording an exciting opportunity to walk in Jerusalem at what was street level in the time of Jesus. Travel to Yad VaShem, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust to examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and its connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people prior to and during this period of time. Also visit the Children's Memorial and discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish Christian relations today. In the evening celebrate a Jewish Passover meal to complete our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God. Overnight at the Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.

Monday, June 4 Free Day / Departure for Airport

The day is yours for last minute shopping, exploration or rest. Depart Jerusalem this evening for the airport and the return flights home.

Tuesday, June 5 Arrive Home

Arrive in Jacksonville this morning.

Please note: Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.

Tour Price from Jacksonville, FL: \$3,495 per person based on double occupancy
Land Only: \$1,756 per person, based on double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$410

Tour Features and Conditions

*Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully.
Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.*

Air Transportation: Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, currently \$635, which are subject to change until ticketed. *Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline. Any change will be reflected in final invoice.*

Seat assignments: Seat assignments for groups are handled differently for groups than for individuals. Requests can be made, however, exact seat assignments are advised by the airline only at check-in.

Accommodations: Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge of \$410. *If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.*

Meals: In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily. Opportunity will be given for participants to purchase lunches on their own. Beverages with dinners are not included.

Transfers and Baggage: Transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. *Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is **important** that each person bring only **ONE piece** of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.*

Sightseeing and Entrance Fees: Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

Tips and Taxes: Service charges and taxes on accommodations are included. Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included and are at tour member's own expense.

Not Included: Passport fee, travel protection insurance, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Checked luggage fee(s) charged by the airline. Transportation from your home to Jacksonville Airport and return is not included.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$400 per person.

Deposits received after February 24, 2012, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due April 4, 2012.

MTS Cancellation Conditions: Refund of full deposit (less \$150 administrative fee) will be made up to February 17, 2012. If cancellation occurs between February 18 and April 3, 2012, a fee of \$400 plus any unrecoverable airline, hotel and tour operator payments. There is no refund after April 4, 2012, or for unused tour services.

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Following is a brief description of coverage:

- This protection plan will cover you for cancellation fees if you need to cancel because of death, injury or illness to you, your traveling companion or your immediate family member.
- Medical Evacuation: \$250,000
- Medical Expenses: \$25,000
- Baggage loss/delay: \$1,500/\$250

A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining a passport will be provided upon receipt of deposit. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until December 12, 2012. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens.

All rates and fares are based on current information and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 33

Deviations: Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred.

The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour

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To be assured of reservations, please complete and mail this form, along with your deposit of \$400 per person to:
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Please reserve space as follows:

Enclosed is my deposit check of \$_____ (\$400 per person.)

Please make check payable to MTS TRAVEL or complete the credit card payment information below.

(Please Print)

Name 1 (as it appears on passport): _____

Name 2 (as it appears on passport): _____

Nickname for name badge: _____

Nickname for name badge: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (evening) _____ (days) _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ Birthdate: _____

Passport Copies: Please provide a clear photocopy of the photo and signature page of your passport. This is required for all international tours.

Room Type: Twin/Double
 Single

Rooming With: _____

Land Only: Check if applicable

Travel Protection Insurance—Check One:

I/we wish to be covered by cancellation insurance.

(Include \$212 per person with your deposit check. The \$212 is not refundable.)-

I/we do NOT wish to be covered by the cancellation insurance.

Credit Card Information: (NOTE: a 3% service fee is required. Please add 3% to your total charges.)

Please Charge:

Deposit \$_____ + \$212 (Opt. Ins.) = **Subtotal** _____ x 3% fee _____ = \$_____ **Total Charge**

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Name as it appears on card (printed): _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Security Code: _____

I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein.

Signature: _____