

The Life & World of Jesus



June 3 – June 14, 2020
Led by the Rev. Canon Paul and Robin Jagoe

We will trace the life of Jesus from his home in Galilee to Jerusalem, giving particular attention to the First Century Jewish context in which Jesus lived. Our goal is a better understanding of Jesus' ministry and a better application of His teachings for us today.



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IMPORTANT

ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE **FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE **APRIL 4, 2020**

\$2,734 - Land price

\$500 - Land ONLY deposit, due at registration
(Direct Deposit or Check)

Airfare will be available 11 months prior to departure

For more information, call Alla from MVTI at 406-758-4836

Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

\$517.50 - Land Deposit

****Land price is based on a group of 20 people or more****

Booking: Prices are good for **three weeks from the date they are quoted**. If not confirmed by the tour leader within three weeks, prices may have to be updated. In general, hotel prices cannot be guaranteed more than 6 months in advance. Shoresh reserves the right to amend prices of tours without prior notice in case of devaluations of the dollar, or in case of receiving new updated contract rates from suppliers

- Accommodation - Half-board (breakfast & dinner) in en-suite shared twin rooms, taxes & portage.
- Transportation - Bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport.
- Guide - Licensed Christian/Messianic guide.
- Tips - Driver, Guide, Hotels.
- Guest speakers - (if specified).
- Entrance fees - Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials.
- Services of US Travel Agent – Mission Valley Travel

***Not Included:** Airfare, visas, Travel Insurance (mandatory, rates listed below); lunches & snacks; individual activities on free days; individual transfers to/from the airport apart from the main group; wheelchairs; wheelchairs; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.
Single Supplement: **\$604** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

Approximate Travel Insurance Pricing for US residents:

Trip Cost (Covers Up To)	Age Up to 30	Age 31-59	Age 60-70	Age 71-75	Age 76-79	Age 80+
\$3000	\$126	\$149	\$232	\$302	\$368	\$500

***Travel Insurance Quote is APPROXIMATE.
Individual pricing is available upon request.***

ITINERARY

Day 1 Wednesday, June 3, 2020

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2 Thursday, June 4

ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip.

Afternoon or Evening Arrival: DINNER & REST

From the airport we will travel to our hotel on the **Mediterranean Coast**. Time permitting, we may have an opportunity to stroll on the beach or swim before dinner. Later we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. Overnight: Seasons Hotel, Netanya, Mediterranean Coast



Day 3 Friday, June 5

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS – Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah

Today we travel north up the coast and then eastwards inland to the Galilee, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. We begin our day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. We then travel up the coast to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, and according the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. We conclude our day at ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry.



Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 4 Saturday, June 6

AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Our day will be spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee as we try to picture daily life and religion in the First Century, and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. We will start the day at **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Our next stop will be the **Mount of Beatitudes**,



traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. After a short walk or drive down the hill we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. At lovely **Tabgha**, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection, we will enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the **"Jesus Boat"**, a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. After dinner we will meet with a local believer. Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 5 Sunday, June 7

NORTHERN ISRAEL – "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. We will seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. We begin by climbing up to the magnificent **Golan Heights**. We will visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at **Katzrin**, where we will take another close look at life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Next we will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Along the way we will pass **Druze Villages** before coming to **Mt. Bental**, a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the **road to Damascus** where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Our final stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching.

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Day 6 Monday, June 8

THE JORDAN VALLEY – “In the World But Not of It”

Today we leave the Galilee and journey south down the spectacular **Syrian African Rift Valley** to the Dead Sea in the arid Judean wilderness. We will study the cultural tensions that existed at the time of Jesus, both between Greco-Roman culture and Jewish culture (and later the early church), and also between the Jewish religious establishment of the day and various spiritual reformers. At the **Jordan River**, we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. *If the tour leader wants to do baptisms, the group can visit a baptismal site on the Jordan River.* Our next stop is the Biblical city of **Beit Shean** to examine the visually impressive excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was one of the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. Conditions permitting, we will have dip in the beautiful spring fed pools at **Sachne**, near the base of **Mt. Gilboa**. From here we continue down the Jordan Valley to the arid Judean Wilderness, passing by the region of **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth. Our last visit of the day will be **Qumran**, likely the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Overnight: Ein Gedi Spa Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 7 Tuesday, June 9

THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin our day at **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. From Masada we drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, we can walk into the nature reserve and possibly to the waterfalls. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. We will finish our afternoon by enjoying a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the **Dead Sea**. At the end of the day we will make the final ascent to **Jerusalem** – the City of the Great King. After dinner, the Director of Shoresh will lead us on a short stroll to a



rooftop panorama of the Old City, and then share some encouraging testimonies.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 8 Wednesday, June 10

JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS – The Temple at the Center

Today will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. We will study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and generally enrich our insight into many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. An early start will take us up to the **Temple Mount** (conditions permitting), where we'll consider some of Jesus' activities there, as well as the claims of Islam. After a visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, we will take a trip to the subterranean **Western Wall Tunnels** to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We then make our way through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City to see the **Herodian Villas**, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. We complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem



Day 9 Thursday, June 11

FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM

Today is free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. *Shoresh will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own.*



Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 10 Friday, June 12

THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we study both a great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. We will examine the systematic annihilation of six million Jews in the Nazi genocide, God coming to earth in the form of a man to save His people from their sins, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. After



breakfast, we will enjoy a tour of the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMI's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Next we travel to **Yad VaShem**, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. From here we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, where we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus, and the "**Shepherd's Fields**" where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah. This evening we will expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a **Jewish Passover Seder meal** together, making Biblical connections to the "last supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 11 Saturday, June 13

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

Today we focus on sites related to the Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Our goal is to understand why He was crucified, how He was buried, and what it meant to the Jewish people of the First Century that He was raised from the dead. We begin our day with a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After viewing a **tomb from the time of Jesus**, we will walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane**. Next we cross the **Kidron Valley** and enter the Old City through **Stephen's Gate**, stopping to examine the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda**. From here we walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem (For those groups with a late-night flight, rooms will be held until departure for the airport.)

Day 12 Sunday, June 14

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Depending on flight departure time, there are several options for this day.

Early Morning Departure: Straight Home

We say farewell to Jerusalem and descend through the mountains of Judea to the airport on the coastal plain to catch the flight home.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- *Most days on this itinerary involve a regular amount of walking and/or climbing. Therefore, this trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.*
- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *It is **mandatory** for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations.*

ADDITIONAL TOURING DAYS

For groups wishing to spend more time in Israel, we can arrange additional days of touring on a variety of themes. These can include activities such as: outdoor adventures (hiking, camel treks, swimming, etc.), wine tasting, visits to see Israeli agricultural innovations, service and outreach projects, visits to local ministries, retreats, prayer experiences, as well as Biblical and historical teaching at more sites throughout the country.

Here are just a few examples of the many options for additional touring in Jerusalem:

INTRODUCTION TO JERUSALEM (Full day)

After breakfast we will head to the **Citadel (“Tower of David”) Museum** where we will enjoy breathtaking views overlooking Jerusalem and have an introduction to the fascinating historical geography of the Old City. We will continue to the **Museum of the First Temple** in order to better understand not only the story of Solomon building the Temple, but how the Temple priesthood and sacrificial system foreshadowed the ministry of Jesus the Messiah. After this overview, we will spend the rest of the morning at the place where it all began – the **City of David**. Here we will learn about King David’s conquest of the Jebusite city, and walk through **Hezekiah’s Tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**.

THE HEART OF THE NEW CITY (Half day)

Most of the Biblical sites in Jerusalem are inside or nearby the Old City. But most of the population of modern Jerusalem lives outside the Old City walls, in the bustling and vibrant **New City**. For a glimpse of modern Israeli society, we will follow pedestrian streets: along **Jaffa Road** to **Zion Square**, then up **Ben Yehuda Street** to the colorful **Mahane Yehuda** open-air market, where Jerusalemites shop for some of the best and freshest foods in Israel and sit in cozy cafes. The whole walk is filled with interesting history, as well as great people watching, photographic and eating opportunities.

JUDEA & SAMARIA (Full day each)

Judea and Samaria, the areas to the north and south of Jerusalem respectively, together make up the Biblical heartland of Israel. They comprise what is often referred to as the “West Bank”. Both are packed with amazing Old Testament sites, as well as some from the time of Jesus and of course the history of modern Israel. In Judea, prominent sites include: Hebron (tomb of the Patriarchs); The “Way of the Fathers” the ancient route travelled by the Patriarchs; Herodian (King Herod’s desert fortress and tomb). In Samaria, we like to visit: Mt. Gerazim (the “Mount of Blessing” from Joshua’s time); Mt. Kebir and Alon Moreh (scenic overlook and one of Abraham’s campsites); Jacob’s Well; Shiloh (long-time location of the Tabernacle and the ark of the covenant). In both areas one also finds freshwater springs for refreshing dips, as well as modern settlements, boutique dairies and wineries, cafes, etc.

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH or a MESSIANIC CONGREGATION (Half day)

Depending on tour dates, on a Saturday it may be possible to join a worship service at a local Messianic congregation, or on a Sunday to participate in the morning worship service at Christ Church or another local congregation

ITINERARY OPTIONS

For groups returning to Israel who would like to see some new sites, here are some of the many options available for the itinerary:

Day 2

- An alternative to Megiddo is ancient **Sepphoris**, where we can examine Jesus' relationship to Elijah, as well as His first miracle.
- An alternative to Megiddo or Nazareth is **Mt. Arbel**, where an easy stroll brings us to panoramic views over the Sea of Galilee, giving an excellent orientation for our studies in the area.

Day 3

- During the longer days of the year, time might allow for a visit to "the other side" of the Sea to briefly consider Jesus relationship to the non-Jewish world during the time of His ministry, including the site of **Kursi**.
- A special visit is tranquil **Beit Bracha**, CMJ's prayer retreat center in Migdal, to hear about the work of the ministry.

Day 4

- One interesting option is **Kibbutz El Rom**, with a documentary on Israel's miraculous survival in the 1973 "Yom Kippur" War.
- We may also visit the ruins of ancient **Gamla**, the "Masada of the North" where a great battle was fought. Today the area is home to Israel's largest birds.

Day 5

- You might enjoy stopping at **Kibbutz Alfa** to examine a beautiful mosaic of a very early synagogue floor, where we can study the reasons of the separation of Jewish believers in Jesus from what had become a mostly non-Jewish church in the early centuries.
- We can walk a gentle trail from **Tel Jezreel**, Ahab's winter capital, and visit **Ein Harod** known as "**Gideon's Spring**".

Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/Jagoe-2020>

NOTE: If you absolutely do not have internet access and/or feel unsafe submitting an online form, you may send us your registration via US-mail by downloading the form at the below URL (Your tour leader may assist you with downloading and printing this form if internet access is limited).

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/mail-in-registration>

****Important* Mail-in submissions may delay the process of registration. It is imperative that you do so as soon as possible should you chose this route.***