# God's Faithfulness



January 6 – January 16, 2022 Led by David Miller

We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit important Old and New Testament biblical sites. On sites, we will consider the scriptures in their original context to deepen our understanding of the biblical text. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. This tour is more than just a "walking where Jesus walked" experience tour; it is an immersion into the world of Bible in scripture and in historical, cultural and geographic context.







#### \*IMPORTANT\*

#### ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE NOVEMBER 8, 2021

\$2,495 - Land Price
Individual Airfare or group block will be available about 10-11 months prior to departure date.
For individual bookings, please contact tours@mvti.us
\$500 – Land Deposit (due at registration)
\$750 – Land & Air Deposit
(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee): \$517.50 – Land Deposit \$776.25 – Land & Air Deposit Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

\*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

Detailed cancellation information is listed in Terms and Conditions Document but please keep in mind that a minimum cancellation fee of \$175 applies for cancellation due to ANY reason.

 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, estimated rates listed below); lunches & snacks; individual activities on free days; individual transfers to/from the airport apart from the main group; wheelchairs; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending. Single Supplement: \$600 (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	\$177	\$209	\$ <b>2</b> 99	\$376	\$470	\$624

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

## ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Thursday, 6 January, 2022 DEPARTURE FROM USA

#### Day 2: Friday, 7 January

#### MORNING ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

Today we will visit the Biblical landscape reserve of **Neot Kedumim** in the Judean lowlands. Walking on the beautiful hillsides, we will discover some of the rich symbolism of the cedar, hyssop, olive and other trees and plants. Next we will travel through the **Judean Desert** to our spa hotel on the **Dead Sea**, where we can enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters.



Overnight: David Spa Hotel, Dead Sea

#### Day 3: Saturday, 8 January

#### THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS

We will spend our day in the southern desert region called the **Negev** in the Bible (a name it still carries today). We will visit Tel Sheva, the site of the biblical city Beer Sheba and have the opportunity for a short camel ride in the desert. Time permitting, we may visit **Tel Arad**, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress. Our themes today are the formative role of the desert experience and the social issues related to the formation of the Israelite Kingdom.

Overnight: David Spa Hotel, Dead Sea



#### Day 4: Sunday, 9 January

#### **THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness**

Our theme today is the wilderness and its role in the Bible. We begin our consideration of the background world to the New Testament at our first site, **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the site of 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. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. Shortly after Ein Gedi we will visit **Qumran**, likely the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity and some passages in the New



Testament, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will make a brief stop on the Jordan river not far from Jericho, one of the possible locations of John's baptisms. We will end our day by travelling north through the **Syrian African Rift Valley** to our resort lodgings on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**.

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

#### Day 5: Monday, 10 January

#### 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 picture daily life and religion in the First Century and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His 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 consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. After a short drive, we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during most of His ministry. We may have the opportunity to enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake in the region of **Tabgha**, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection. Later in the afternoon (weather permitting) we will set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time.

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

#### Day 6: Tuesday, 11 January

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

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. Our first stop is the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the impressive archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham. We will consider the apostasy of the tribe of Dan and its significance for modern believers. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream leading to the source of the Jordan River and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah, and where we will enjoy another beautiful walk along one of the sources of the Jordan River. Next we will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. We will stop an overlook near the border with Syria and the area of the **road to Damascus** where the Apostle Paul met the Lord.

Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee



#### Day 7: Wednesday, 12 January

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

Today we travel west and then down the coast. Our first visit of the day will be ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry, taking time to understand the political background to the birth of Jesus. We continue along the route of the ancient **Way of the sea**, passing by **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, and the site from which "Armageddon" derives its name. We complete our day at the 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.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

#### Day 8: Thursday, 13 January

#### 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 Temple worship, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and 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**,



where we will consider Jesus' visits to the Temple and his teachings there. 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 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 the Day of Pentecost on the **Southern Steps**.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

#### Day 9: Friday, 14 January

#### THE GOD OF ISRAEL who Rescues and Restores

We will 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. In the afternoon we will visit a Messianic Jewish Village in a beautiful setting just outside Jerusalem and consider God's work of restoration.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem



#### Day 10: Saturday, 15 January

#### JESUS' FINAL WEEK IN JERUSALEM

This morning we will leave early for a short walk to **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. From here, we will take the bus to a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After visiting **Bethpage**, we walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane**, conditions permitting. We will also visit the *Church of St. Peter in Galicantu*, also known as the House of Caiaphas or the "Church of the Cockcrow", where Peter is said to have denied Jesus. Our final site is at the entrance to a tomb belonging from the First Century belonging to the Herodian family. This site is not visited by tourist groups and is an excellent location for a final group devotional time.

### Day 11: Sunday, 16 January

#### DEPARTURE

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

#### Please register online via e-registration.

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#### **IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:**

- Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.
- Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases that may not be possible.