

The Life & World of Jesus



February 19 – March 2, 2023
Hosted by:
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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 NOVEMBER 12, 2022

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE DECEMBER 22, 2022

Clergy, Leaders, and their spouses:

\$1,949 - Land Only

\$343 - Single Supplement

General Participants:

\$2,599 - Land Only

\$806 - Single Supplement

Airfare may be booked through MVTI when available (10-11 months before departure, email tours@mvti.us). Alternatively you may make your own flight arrangements.

\$500 – Land (due at registration)

(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

\$517.5 – Land Deposit

Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

****Land price is based on a group of 30 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; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.

Please note that additional COVID19 screening will be required at the traveler's expense, emails with detailed information will be sent closer to departure date. All participants must be vaccinated OR have a positive antibodies test, more details in the FAQs sheet

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.**

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Sunday February 19, 2023

DEPARTURE FROM THE U.S. & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

We ask that you arrange to have your flight land at Ben Gurion Airport by 5:45pm the next day, February 20, in order to join us on the tour bus there. (If you choose a flight which arrives much earlier on the 20th or one with a scheduled arrival later than 5:45pm, you can take a taxi to the hotel, about one hour away, at your own expense. You may also choose to arrive a day earlier, and a hotel and transportation can be arranged at extra cost.)

Day 1 Monday February 20

ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

We gather late afternoon at Ben Gurion Airport near **Tel Aviv**, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. From there we will travel to our hotel on the **Mediterranean Coast**. Time permitting there may be a possible opportunity to stroll on the beach before or after dinner. After dinner (or after breakfast the next day) we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. Overnight: Mediterranean Coast



Day 2 Tuesday February 21

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 Northern Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** near to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, which some believe may be related to Armageddon. We conclude our day stopping at ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. Overnight: Ma'agan, Sea of Galilee



Day 3 Ash Wednesday February 22

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 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, Sea of Galilee



Day 4 Thursday February 23

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. Our stops include the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **Old Testament city of Dan** as well as the city gate from the time of Abraham. We will 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. Traveling 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. Today we will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Time permitting, we will make a quick stop at **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah.

Overnight: Ma'agan, Sea of Galilee

Day 5 Friday February 24

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. If time allows, we may stop for an overview of **Scythopolis**, a Greco-Roman city of the Decapolis. From there we continue down the Jordan Valley to **Engedi** in the arid Judean Wilderness, passing by the region of **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth. Last stop is **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 literary discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls.



Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 6 Saturday February 25

Jerusalem – the City of the Great King.

We will stop to take a view of the city from the **Mount of Olives** and then head to the **Israel Museum** where we can see a model of the city of Jerusalem during the time of the Second Temple period, Jesus’ day and visit the Shrine of the Book, the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 7 Sunday February 26

WORSHIP AND FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM

We will have an opportunity to participate in the morning worship service at Christ Church. The rest of the day 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 Guest House, Jerusalem



Day 8 Monday February 27

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 at the Citadel, the place where Jesus was tried. 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 Guest House, Jerusalem.

Day 9 Tuesday February 28

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. We will start 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 **an ancient tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**. After a visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, we continue to the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. Next we 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. If possible, 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 Guest House, Jerusalem



Day 10 Wednesday March 1

Persecution and Redemption, Birthplace

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 Biblical restoration. 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. Conditions permitting, we will then 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**" in the vicinity where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

Note: Not all departure schedules can have free transport to the airport provided, given the variety of options.

Some may choose to depart on flights leaving before midnight on Wednesday night.

Day 11 Thursday March 2

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

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.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/FAM-2023>

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.*