

# God's Faithfulness



March 1 – March 13, 2024

Led by:

The Rev. Patrick Ware

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*We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place and dig deep into the Scriptures in their original context to learn about God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future. Our tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.*



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**\*IMPORTANT\***

**ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE JANUARY 1, 2024**

**\$3,300** – Total Land Price

**\$1,470** – Airfare Price per person, 45 seats

Group block from Dulles International Airport to Tel Aviv on United

**\$750** – Land & Air Deposit (due at registration)  
(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

**\$776.25** – Land & Air 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.  
Single Supplement: **\$1172** (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+
<b>\$3500</b>	<b>\$169</b>	<b>\$175</b>	<b>\$267</b>	<b>\$386</b>	<b>\$477</b>	<b>\$639</b>

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

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 Friday March 1, 2023

### DEPARTURE FROM USA

## Day 2 Saturday March 2

### 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. Depending on flight arrival time, there are several options for this day:

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 may have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.

Overnight: Metropolitan Tel Aviv



## Day 3 Sunday March 3

### OUT OF EGYPT INTO THE WILDERNESS

Here we consider the true location of Mount Sinai and study the geology of the area. This morning we will be traveling through the **Wilderness of Zin** where Moses struck the rock in disobedience. We will take a short hike to a beautiful oasis in the **Zin Canyon**. We will then visit the **grave or home of David Ben Gurion**, founder of Israel, at **Sde Boker**. As Ben Gurion is often called a prophet, we will take time to discuss the nature of biblical prophecy and the role of a prophet in the biblical period and today. Time permitting we will visit **Tel Arad**, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress.

Overnight: David Dead Sea



## Day 4 Monday March 4

### THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS

We begin our journey by climbing up through the strategic lowlands into the **Mountains of Judea**, to the burial **Cave of the Patriarchs** in **Hebron** (conditions permitting), where we will look at God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Next we shall continue in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the **Negev** in the Bible (a name it still carries today). Here we will visit a



**Bedouin site** where we examine their lifestyle in order to shed light on the lives of Abraham and the Patriarchs. You will have the opportunity to try your hand at riding camels. Time permitting, our last stop will be **Tel Arad**, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress. We conclude our day travelling 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: Spa Hotel, David Dead Sea

## Day 5 Tuesday March 5

### 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 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. 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. Our last site 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. Later in the day we will travel north up the spectacular **Syrian African Rift Valley**, crossing the **Jordan River** before we arrive at our hotel on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**.



Overnight: Kinar, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee

## Day 6 Wednesday March 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. Today we will visit 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. Other sites may include **Chorazin**, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. At the newly excavated **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdala, we will visit the remains of an ancient synagogue from the time of Jesus or the lovely **Tabgha**, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection. 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.

Overnight: Kinar, Tiberias Sea of Galilee

## Day 7 Thursday March 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**. In the morning 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. We will travel along the lower slopes of **Mount Hermon** – Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Along the way we will pass **Druze Villages** before coming to a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the **road to Damascus** where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Our next 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. Time permitting we will visit **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah.

Overnight: Kinar, Tiberias Sea of Galilee

### Day 8 Friday March 8

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

Today we travel west and then down the coast, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God’s faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. Our first visit of the day will be ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus’ boyhood home and place of His early ministry. We continue along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** to **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon’s cities, and according to the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. We then travel to **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We complete 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. Overnight: Ramada Netanya



### Day 9 Saturday March 9

#### SAMARIA: ANCIENT ISRAEL

Today we journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, of the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited may include: **Mt. Gerazim** (the “Mount of Blessing” from Joshua’s time and scenic overlook and one of Abraham’s campsites), **Jacob’s Well**, **Beit El** and **Shiloh** (long-time location of the Tabernacle and the ark of the covenant). We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to our understanding of the New Testament. In the late afternoon we will enter Jerusalem, the City of the Great King. After dinner we will be treated to a short stroll for a **rooftop panorama of the Old City** and talk with a member of the CMJ Israel staff.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

### Day 10 Sunday March 10

#### THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

We begin our Sunday by attending Christ Church, the first Protestant church in the Middle East. After the service 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. 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.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

## Day 11 Monday March 11

### 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 and time permitting will visit 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

## Day 12 Tuesday March 12

### 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 (For those groups with a late night flight, rooms will be held until departure for the airport.)

## Day 13 Wednesday March 13

### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

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

### Flight Itinerary

<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Fri 1 March</i>	Dulles International – Tel Aviv Yafo	UA72	10:45PM – 4:30PM
<i>Wed 13 March</i>	Tel Aviv Yafo – Newark – Dulles International	UA85/ UA 2494	10:30AM – 9:31PM

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

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/GraceAnglican-2024>

#### **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.*