

The Life and World of Jesus



May 30 – June 10, 2024

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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 **FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

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

\$3,439 - Land Price

\$1,896 – Airfare Price

Group Block on Delta out of Jacksonville has been booked.

For individual airfare please email tours@mvti.us

\$750 – Land & Air Deposit (due at registration)

(Direct Deposit or Check)

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

\$776.25 – Land Deposit

Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

****Land price is based on a group of 15 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: **\$1073** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

\$1,100 Additional fee for students traveling without adult supervision.

Unchaperoned fee is subject to change based on the number of students traveling.

*Students in rising 9-12 grade at ESJ will receive a theology credit.

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+
\$4000	\$171	\$242	\$359	\$463	\$569	\$760

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

ITINERARY

Day 1 Thursday May 30, 2024

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2 Friday May 31

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 as we end of the day in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 3 Saturday June 1

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**. From here will we walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site for the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end the day 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 4 Sunday June 2

WORSHIPPING IN THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING

We begin our day at the historic Christ Church in the Old City Jerusalem, where we will worship together. This Anglican Church was finished in 1849 and was the first Protestant Church in the Middle East. After church you will have time to visit the Christ Church Heritage Centre to examine the unique 19th century model of the Temple Mount. After lunch we drive by bus to the **Israel Museum** where we can see a model of the city of Jerusalem during the Second Temple Period, Jesus' Day. Upon return, tour participants can **walk the ramparts** of the old city.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 5 Monday June 3

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 **Hezekiah's Tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**. From here we continue to the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. After a visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, we make our way through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City on our way back to the Christ Church Guesthouse.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 6 Tuesday June 4

THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We drive from Jerusalem High above Sea level and end the day at the dead Sea, the lowest place on the earth. Our first visit is 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. In the afternoon we will have time to take a dip in the Dead Sea.

Overnight: Enjoy Hotel Dead Sea Hotel

Day 7 Wednesday June 5

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

We begin our day at Masada, one of Herod the Great's magnificent fortresses and the last Jewish stronghold to fall captive to the Romans. We start with Qumran, home to probably the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea Scrolls. Here we will discuss the relevance of the scrolls and their impact on Christianity. At the **Jordan River**, we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. *The group will visit a baptismal site on the Jordan River to actively remember our baptisms.* 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.

Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 8 Thursday 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 **Magdala**, 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.



Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 9 Friday 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: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 10 Saturday June 8

FREE DAY – Sea of Galilee

Enjoy the day by taking a swim in the Galilee or go into Tiberias for some shopping.

Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 11 Sunday June 9

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

Today we begin our day at 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 conclude 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 travel down the coast of the Mediterranean to our last hotel in Tel Aviv.



Overnight: Selina Beach, Tel Aviv

Day 12 Monday June 10

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

We say farewell to Israel and head to the airport on the coastal plain to catch the flight home.

Flight Itinerary

<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Thu 30 May – Fri 31 May</i>	Jacksonville – Boston – Tel Aviv Yafo	DL1451/ DL242	11:59AM – 9:55AM
<i>Mon 10 June</i>	Tel Aviv Yafo – Atlanta – Jacksonville	DL249/ DL2276	11:30AM – 11:21PM

Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/ESJ-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.*