

The Life & World of Jesus



June 8 – June 20, 2025

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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 **MARCH 1, 2025**

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE **APRIL 10, 2025**

\$3,417 - Land Price

Working on group block airfare

Once airfare is confirmed, website will be updated

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 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; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.
Single Supplement: **\$1,233** (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+
\$3500	\$171	\$242	\$359	\$463	\$569	\$760

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

ITINERARY

Day 1: Sunday, June 8, 2025

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2: Monday, June 9, 2025

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. We will have lunch waiting for us* at **Beit Immanuel**, in the city of Jaffa, where we will hear about CMJ's ministry to the Jewish people over the past 160 years. After lunch, we will visit the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to warn the people of Nineveh and location of Simon the Tanner's house. From here we will travel to our hotel on the **Mediterranean Coast** and will have opportunity for



a stroll on the beach or a swim before dinner. For dinner, followed by a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. After dinner in the hotel, we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.

Overnight: Seasons Hotel, Mediterranean Coast

Day 3: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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 to the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. We conclude our day at the site of the ancient town of **Zipporis**, across the valley from **Nazareth**. Zipporis was a town that Jesus and his father Joseph almost certainly helped to build.



Overnight: Kibbutz Ginossar, Sea of Galilee

Day 4: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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 **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. We will have lunch at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. After lunch, we will return to 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. On the far side of the Lake, we will conclude our day by visiting the **region of the Gerasenes**, in the Golan Heights, where Jesus met the Gerasene demoniac, and see the ruins of ancient **Hippos Susita**, with spectacular views over the Sea of Galilee.



Overnight: Kibbutz Ginonsar, Sea of Galilee

Day 5: Thursday, June 12, 2025

NAZARETH AND THE JORDAN – Back to the beginning



Today we return to **Nazareth**, a town that we saw from a distance on Tuesday. We begin at **Mount Precipice**, where Jesus was likely taken after his first sermon in the synagogue in Nazareth. From there, we will enter the city and visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which sits on the traditional site of Jesus' childhood home. We will have lunch at **Nazareth Village**, a reconstructed first-century village that demonstrates the kind of

home and lifestyle Jesus would have known. From there, we visit the ruins of **Cana**, the site of Jesus' first miracle, turning water into wine. We end our day back at the **Jordan River**, where we will have the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows (or be baptized for the first time!) and be immersed in the River Jordan at **Yardenit**.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ginnsar, Sea of Galilee

Day 6: Friday, June 13, 2025

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. Our first 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. We will have lunch at **Sachne**, and have a chance for a dip in the beautiful spring fed pools and waterfalls, 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: Saturday, June 14, 2025

THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

We will spend this Sabbath day in the wilderness, at a slower pace, reflecting on 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. In the afternoon we will have the chance to enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral-rich waters of the **Dead Sea**.

Overnight: Ein Gedi Spa Hotel, Dead Sea

Day 8: Sunday, June 15, 2025

ASCENT TO JERUSALEM – The City of the Great King

We begin our Lord's Day with worship, and then board the bus to visit the beautiful subtropical oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. We will hike into the nature reserve 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 late morning, we will finally make our ascent to **Jerusalem** – the City of the Great King. We will have lunch in the **Israel Museum**, where we will also visit the **Shrine of the Book** and see copies of the original Dead Sea Scrolls. The Israel Museum has one of the best archaeological collections in the world, and we will have the chance to visit some of its treasures. We will then get back on the bus and head to **Christ Church Guest House** in the Old City of Jerusalem, where we will be staying for the remainder of our tour. After dinner at Christ Church, we will attend their evening service, in the oldest protestant church in the Middle East. Then a member of the CMJ Israel leadership team will lead us on a short stroll to a rooftop panorama of the Old City. There will also be an opportunity to visit the famous **Western Wall** for prayer.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 9: Monday, June 16, 2025

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*** (Great Stone Tour) 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 see the ruins of the **Roman Cardo** in the heart of the city. We will visit the recently rebuilt **Hurva Synagogue** and climb up to the dome for a panoramic rooftop view of Jerusalem. We will end our first Jerusalem day by visiting the **Herodian Villas**, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 10: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

THE CITY OF DAVID – The Life and Works of the First Great King

We begin our day at the excavations near the base of the **Temple Mount** and discuss King David's dream to build the Temple here. We will visit the **Southern Temple Steps** where Jesus, the True King, walked, and where the Holy Spirit was first poured out on all flesh on the day of Pentecost. From the southern steps, we will look south toward the ancient **City of David**. We will spend the remainder of our day going to explore the ruins of that city, including walking through **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, a remarkable excavation project through the mountain with enormous historical significance.

Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 11: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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.* In the morning, there will be an opportunity to discover the historical significance of the place we are staying by taking the Christ Church Heritage Tour. In the 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 Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 12: Thursday, June 19, 2025

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

Day 13: Friday, June 20, 2025

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

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/Hall-2025>

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.*