

The Life & World of Jesus



March 6 – March 18, 2026

Led by:

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and

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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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MISSION VALLEY TRAVEL INC



IMPORTANT

ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 4, 2025

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE DECEMBER 31, 2025

\$3,553 - Land Price

Working on group block airfare out of Newark
Once airfare is confirmed, the 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 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: **\$1,191** (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+
\$4000	\$171	\$242	\$359	\$463	\$569	\$760

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

ITINERARY

Day 1 Friday, March 6, 2026

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2 Saturday March 7

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

Overnight: Seasons Hotel, Netanya



Day 3 Sunday March 8

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

Today we travel north up the coast and then eastwards inland to the Galilee, visiting several 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 shall visit the palace along with the Roman Amphitheater. Walk across the hippodrome and be picked up on the other side. 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. Lunch. Sephoris – Water Tunnels and Fresco. We conclude our day at ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee



Day 4 Monday March 9

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 as we set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. Kibbutz Ginosar to see the “**Jesus Boat**”, a Galilean fishing boat from the



First Century. Next we visit 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 will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus’ teachings. Then we will walk down to a beach to take time to reflect on John 21. For lunch today we will enjoy the famous St. Peter’s fish. After a short walk or drive we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during most of His ministry.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 5 Tuesday March 10

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. Winery. Next, 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** for lunch 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. We will have time to pray for the middle East here. Our next stop is **Caesarea Philippi**, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**. 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 one of the wineries in the northern Israel.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day 6 Wednesday March 11

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). *At the **Jordan River**, we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus and hold a baptism service for those who want to.* We then visit



Gesher one of the earliest communities in civilization. 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 the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. From here we continue down the Jordan Valley to the arid Judean Wilderness, visiting the city of **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth. Time permitting we will have the opportunity for camel riding. 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: David Dead Sea Spa Hotel

Day 7 Thursday March 12

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 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 then visit **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. We will enjoy our afternoon by at Ein Gedi Spa and floating in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the **Dead Sea**.



Overnight: David Dead Sea Spa Hotel

Day 8 Friday March 13

UP TO JERUSALEM – The city of our Great King

We begin our day with an early breakfast and then start our journey up to Jerusalem, on our way we will read together the Psalms of Ascents. Once in Jerusalem we will walk through Jaffa Gate to **Christ Church**. Christ Church is the oldest Protestant Church and is part of CMJ-Israel one of the oldest ministries to the Jewish people. Lunch is available at the Christ Church Coffee House or one of the neighboring restaurants. The remainder of the afternoon is free time for shopping in the Old City and Jerusalem. After dinner, the Director of Shoresh will lead us on a short stroll to a **rooftop panorama of the Old City**.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 9 Saturday March 14

LIGHT OF THE WORLD – The Birth of Jesus

Our morning begins with the short drive from the Old City to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus. We shall visit the **Shepherd's Field**, the traditional site of where the Angels appeared to the shepherd's on Christmas morning. Then a visit to the **Church of the Nativity**, the birthplace of Jesus according to the Catholic and Orthodox traditions. We will have time to do some shopping in Bethlehem. After lunch we travel back into Jerusalem to the **Israel Museum** to see a large-scale model of Jerusalem at the time of the 2nd Temple as well as to view some of the Dead Sea Scrolls along with other ancient manuscripts. After dinner we will have the chance to meet with an Arab church leader.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 10 Sunday March 15

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. Visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site. 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 Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. This evening, we will have the opportunity to attend the worship service at Christ Church. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 11 Monday March 16

THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

We will study today 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. Then we will take a tour of the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Next 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. After returning to Christ Church you will have the afternoon free to relax or to finish your shopping. Or you may choose to visit the **City of David**. This 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 Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 12 Tuesday March 17

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 **Sheep's Gate**, stopping to examine the remains of the **Pool of Bethesda**. From here we walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Finally we share a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**.



Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 13 Wednesday March 18

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Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shores.mvti.net/Newell-Taylor-2026>

A non-refundable registration fee of \$35 per person
is required upon submitting registration

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.*