

The Life & World of Jesus Shoresh Study Tours

November 20–December 2, 2010

Led by: The Rev. Dr. Paul Jagoe

We will trace the life of Jesus from Jerusalem to his home in Galilee, giving particular attention to the influence of Jewish thought and culture of the period on the origins of Christianity. Our goal is a better understanding of Jesus' ministry, his place among the Jewish people, and the application of his teachings for today.



*"Thus says the LORD,"Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is,and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16b*

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Day 1: Saturday, November 20
DEPARTURE

Depart Orlando for a transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv.

Day 2: Sunday, November 21
ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

Arrive this morning in Tel Aviv, and drive to Old Jaffa, to see Cornelius' house and contemplate Jonah's story. End the morning at Beit Immanuel, the CMJ ministry center in Tel Aviv to learn of CMJ's involvement with the Jewish people and the numerical growth of the Jewish believers throughout the last decades. Transfer to the Blue Bay Hotel, Netanya on the Mediterranean Coast for overnight and time to enjoy a stroll on the beach.

Day 3: Monday, November 22
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE PROPHETS



Begin the day of touring at the fabulous remains of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima, the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail with the Good News to the Gentile world. Next, stop at Mount Carmel for a spectacular view over the

North of Israel and time to study Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal. On the way to Sepphoris, travel the route of the ancient Via Maris and pass through the Jezreel Valley, a candidate for the location of the battle of Armageddon. The journey is devoted to discussing Jewish apocalyptic literature and the Book of Revelation. At the spectacular remains of Sepphoris, examine Jesus' relationship to Elijah and His first miracle. Conclude the day at ancient Nazareth and contemplate Jesus' home life, town and early ministry. Overnight at the Kibbutz Ma'agan along the Sea of Galilee.

Day 4: Tuesday, November 23
AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE – THE LIFE OF JESUS' DISCIPLES

The day will be spent visiting various sites around Lake Galilee trying to picture the Galilee ministry of Jesus and the lives of His disciples. Start the day with a view from the traditional site of the Mount of Beatitudes and study about the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. The next two stops are the "cursed" cities of Chorazin and Capernaum with discussion about Jesus' relationship to the Pharisees. Along the way study the New Testament fishing industry in these two cities and their relationship to the miracles of Jesus. After a fish lunch and a contemplative time by the shores of the Lake, visit Kibbutz Ginossar to see a fishing boat from the time of Jesus and sail on the Sea of Galilee. Before heading back to the hotel, visit Beit Bracha, a CMJ centre on the shores of Galilee to hear about the work of this ministry. Overnight at Kibbutz Ma'agan along the Sea of Galilee.

Day 5: Wednesday, November 24
EXPLORING THE GOLAN – THE KINGDOM OF GOD & BIBLICAL IMAGERY

Two major sites will occupy most of time today. Begin by climbing up to the magnificent Golan Heights near Israel's highest mountain. Discuss the Transfiguration and its relationship to the Hebrew Scriptures. At the Gamla nature reserve view an impressive city from the time of Jesus and take a gentle hike to the highest waterfall in Israel. Study



some of the wildlife found there, including one of the world's biggest birds; discussing how this bird is depicted in biblical text. In the afternoon, visit a reconstructed biblical village at Katzrin and

examine life in New Testament times and everyday imagery in Scripture. Overnight at Kibbutz Ma'agan along the Sea of Galilee.

Day 6: Thursday November 25
THE JORDAN VALLEY – FIRE AND WATER

Examine the separation of the Church from the Jewish people today. Travel south down the spectacular Syrian African rift to learn how that conflict was instrumental in renewing various kinds of Jewish settlement in the Holy Land throughout the last 200 years. First stop is Kibbutz Gesher, to see what is known as one of the hydraulic wonders of the world. Learn how a Jewish engineer worked to harness the great rivers of the Jordan and Yarmuch to provide electricity for both Jew and Arab during British Mandate Palestine. At the Jordan River, discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship to the ministry of Jesus. From Gesher, travel to Kibbutz Alfa to examine a beautiful mosaic of a very early synagogue floor. Study the reasons of the separation of the early Jewish church from its Gentile siblings. In the afternoon, engage in a quiet walk from Tel Jezreel, the site of Naboth's vineyard, to the En Harod spring, where Gideon elected his small army. After stopping for an overlook of Jericho—the oldest and lowest inhabited city on earth, continue south to the Dead Sea in the arid Judean Wilderness. Overnight at Kibbutz Kaia along the Dead Sea.



Day 7: Friday November 26
THE DESERT AS A REFUGE

Begin the day at Qumran, home to probably the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel—the Dead Sea Scrolls. Discuss the relevance of the scrolls and their impact on Christianity. Continue south to see the beautiful subtropical oasis of En Gedi and enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. Today's final stop is Masada, one of Herod the Great's magnificent fortresses and the last Jewish stronghold to fall captive to the Romans. Discuss the nature of the Herodian dynasty and Zealot ideology. If time permits, enjoy a short camel ride at the Bedouin-style encampment in the Judean wilderness. Overnight at Kfar HaNokdim in the Judean Wilderness.



Day 8: Saturday, November 27
GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THROUGH THE PATRIARCHS, MOSES, AND KING DAVID

After breakfast, enter the southern desert region called the Negev to an overlook at the beautiful small crater found there. Consider the true location of Mount Sinai and the wilderness wanderings of the children of Israel. Continue the journey to explore the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—the patriarchs who travelled through this region. Travel to the Valley of Elah, the location of the battle between David and Goliath. Today's discussion focuses on how the kingship of David foreshadowed the Messianic Kingship of Jesus. At the end of the day, make the final ascent to Jerusalem—the City of the Great King. Overnight at Christ Church Guest House in Jerusalem.

Day 9: Sunday, November 28
WORSHIP / BETHLEHEM / ROOF TOP WALK

Opportunity is given to worship at Christ Church. Travel to Bethlehem this afternoon to see the Church of the Nativity, Manger Square, and the Shepherds Fields. Return to Jerusalem for dinner at Christ Church. Following dinner, enjoy a short stroll to experience a rooftop panorama of the Old City with Shores Director Yoel Seton. Overnight at Christ Church Guest House in Jerusalem.

Day 10: Monday, November 29

DISCOVERING JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS

The day is devoted to learning about Jerusalem during the Second Temple era. Start by going to the Temple Mount, to consider some of Jesus' activities there. After a visit to the Western Wall, Judaism's most holy site, continue to the tunnels under the Western Wall plaza, affording an exciting opportunity to walk in Jerusalem at what was street level in the time of Jesus. Travel through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to palatial mansions that were the home of the Sadducees. Study Jesus' attitude toward the priesthood and Sadducee beliefs. End the day at the excavations at the southern wall of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost. Overnight at Christ Church Guest House in Jerusalem.

Day 11: Tuesday, November 30

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS – CRUCIFIXION, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

Begin the day with a visit to a tomb from the time of Jesus. Walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane and learn about crucifixion, burial and resurrection according to Jewish sources outside of the Bible. This will shed new light on the narrative



of the heart of the New Testament, the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Time permitting, visit the Sisters of Zion Convent, the possible location of the Antonia Fortress. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and conclude the day with a time of reflection at the Garden Tomb. In the evening, gain new understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a Jewish Passover meal at Christ Church. Overnight at Christ Church Guest House in Jerusalem.

Day 12: Wednesday, December 1

RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN / FREE AFTERNOON / DEPARTURE

In the morning, visit Yad VaShem, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people prior to and during this period of time. Visit the Children's Memorial and discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish Christian relations today. The afternoon is free for rest, relaxation, shopping, or for the energetic, a walk on the walls of the Old City or a visit to Hezekiah's tunnel in the City of David. Depart for the airport after dinner

Day 13: Thursday, December 2

ARRIVE USA

Arrive back home in the U.S. today.

Please note: Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.

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\$3,227 based on double occupancy

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Tips and Taxes: Tips for guide, hotels and driver are included. Present air taxes and fuel surcharges of \$508 are included, but are subject to change without notice. The change, if any, will be reflected on your final invoice.

Not Included: Passport fee, travel protection insurance, lunches, beverages with lunches and dinners, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to Orlando Airport and vice versa is not included. Airport transfers for land only bookings in Tel Aviv are not included.

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The Life & World of Jesus

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I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein.

Signature: _____