

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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Mr. Brian Kelley
and
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Fri., October 8 Departure

Depart from Newark/Liberty International Airport late this evening, on your transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv.



Sat., October 9 Tel Aviv – Bethlehem

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport late this afternoon, meet your guide and board your bus and drive up the Judean Hills towards Jerusalem and Bethlehem. After passing by Rachel's Tomb on the outskirts of Bethlehem, check into the Jacir International Hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Sun., October 10 Bethlehem

"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." (Luke 2:15).

Drive to a hilltop for a view of Bethlehem, noting its relation to the rest of the



central mountain range, including Jerusalem, as well as to the desert and the area of ancient Moab. Continue to one of the possible sites for Shepherds' Fields before returning to the town of Bethlehem. Walk through the restored old town to the Church of the Nativity. Tour Herodion, the palace set in a conical mountain built by Herod to mark his tomb. Continue to Jericho to visit the tell of this oldest city and view the traditional mountain of Jesus' temptation. Continue to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar for dinner and overnight.

Mon., October 11 Nazareth

"Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulon and Naphtali" (Matt. 4:13)

Spend the morning getting acquainted with Jesus' home town, visiting Mary's



Spring, the Church of the Annunciation, and Mount Precipice. Spend time at Nazareth Village, which presents life in Nazareth as it might have appeared during the time of Christ. Drive to nearby Sepphoris, the only city in the midst of Galilee at the time when Jesus was growing up - today a rich archaeological site. After a stop at Cana, where Jesus performed his first sign (John 2), return to Nof Ginosar for dinner and overnight.

Tue., October 12 Nazareth – The Galilee

"Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside, and sat down" (Matt. 5: 1).

See the "Jesus Boat," found buried under an exposed section of the lakebed



during a drought in 1986 and now displayed at Yigal Museum at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. Climb the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5–7) before continuing to Tabgha, where Christians have long remembered the first feeding of the multitude (Mark 6) and, nearby, the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Continue to Capernaum, where Franciscan archaeologists believe they have uncovered the house of Peter (Mark 1 and 2). Drive north to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas), a source of the Jordan at the foot of Mt. Hermon—where Peter confessed his recognition of Jesus as the Christ. Sail across the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat, pausing on the lake to consider the teachings and miracles of Jesus. Return to Nof Ginosar for dinner and overnight.

Wed., October 13 The Galilee - Jerusalem

"We are going up to Jerusalem." (Matt. 20:18).

This morning ascend Mount Carmel to Muhraka ("burnt offering"), where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal (Kings 18). Drive to nearby Megiddo, the city that dominated the Via Maris (Way of the Sea), the strategic trade route from Egypt to Mesopotamia. Explore its extensive excavations, including Ahab's stables, a grain silo, and ancient underground water system. Continue south along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima. Explore this Roman bridgehead to the East, which became the Christian springboard to the West. Visit this ancient harbor as well as the hippodrome, aqueduct, and theatre (Acts 10.). Drive through the



City of Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.

Thu., October 14 Jerusalem

"If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace" (Luke 19:42)

Begin the day on the Mt. of Olives for an orientation to the city. Visit the monastery of Pater Nostre where you can



see the Lord's Prayer inscribed in 100 languages. Descend the traditional Palm Sunday Road, stopping at the church of Dominus Flevit, into the Kidron Valley. Ascend, as Jesus did, to the traditional site of the Temple Mount to see the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque. Explore the Ophel Excavations south of the Mount, including the Temple steps—on which, we can be confident, Jesus and the disciples trod. Stop for prayer at the Western Wall. This afternoon will be spent in the New City, stopping to see the model of Jerusalem, representing how the city looked on the eve of the Jewish revolt, 36 years after the Passion of Jesus. Visit the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial built to document the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, including the Hall of Remembrance and the Children's Memorial. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Fri., October 15 Jerusalem

"He has risen!" (Mark 16:6)

Today begins at the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations where Jesus endured his Agony, for quiet time. Visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, possibly the site of Caiaphas' house where Jesus was tried and kept overnight. Enter the Old City at St. Steven's Gate, also called the Sheep's Gate.

Sharon Valley south to the metropolitan city of Tel Aviv for a visit of ancient Jaffa (biblical Joppa), where Jonah fled from his responsibility and where Peter had his vision opening the church to the Gentiles. Drive up to the Holy

See the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, with its incredible acoustics. Visit Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, the Arch of Ecce Homo ("Behold the Man") and the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. Prayerfully follow the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross) through the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, for prayer on top the Rock of Calvary and inside the Lord's tomb. End the afternoon with Communion at the Garden Tomb, a possible site of Jesus' resurrection. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Sat., October 16 Jerusalem / Dead Sea

That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. (Joshua 3:16)

Depart Jerusalem this morning, driving south along the Dead Sea to Masada. Take the cable car to the top, visiting Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome (66-73 AD). Enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea (weather permitting), where it almost impossible to sink, because of the

Your tour hosts:

Rev. Dr. John A. Toms is married and has a daughter. Pastor John is a student of Reformed Church History and has Ministerial Standing in



the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches. He is a graduate of Shippensburg University, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Master's International Graduate School of Theology with a Doctorate of Ministry degree in Worldview Studies.

He served 6 years in the Navy, worked for 20 years in Social Service agencies, serving individuals with mental illnesses and those with developmental disabilities and as a psychological counselor. He also worked for the U. S. Army as a computer programmer.

He enjoys travel, sports (Penn State Football), computer usage in church communities, his family, and reading. He prefers to be called "Pastor John."

high salt density! Continue through the Judean desert to Qumran. View Cave # 4, which contained the greatest quantity of Dead Sea scrolls. Return to Jerusalem, where a special Middle Eastern farewell dinner is being prepared by the chef at the Ambassador Hotel, which will include many of the foods commonly enjoyed by the people of the Holy Land. *Saha wa afiah—Hope you enjoy it!* Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your late-night departure.

Sun., October 17 Return USA

Arrive at Newark/Liberty International Airport, with memories of the Land of the Bible that you will relish for the rest of your life.



Mr. Brian Kelley is married and has a son and daughter. He currently serves as Secondary Principal at Grace Academy as well as youth pastor at Hagerstown Grace Church. Before moving back home to the Hagerstown area, Brian was a youth pastor for several years in Southern Maryland.



Brian graduated from Grace College where he majored in Biblical Studies and Youth Ministry. He is currently finishing his M. Ed in Educational Administration through Liberty University.

While at Grace College, he had the opportunity to study under Dr. John Davis who has written many books on Old Testament studies as well as leading several archaeological trips to Israel. It is Dr. Davis who contributes to Brian's desire to study and learn more about Israel. Brian has led student trips within the United States and over six trips to Costa Rica.

He enjoys backpacking/camping, reading, his family and sports—he is an avid UNC Tarheel Basketball fan.

Tour Price from Newark/Liberty International Airport: \$2,960

Single Room Supplement: \$525

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TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round trip air fare from Newark/Liberty International Airport
- Current airline taxes and fuel surcharges (\$471)
- Accommodations in hotels listed in the itinerary, or similar
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Services of experienced, English-speaking licensed guide
- Sightseeing and entrance fees
- Service charges and local taxes
- Tips to guides, drivers and hotel staff (\$115)

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Sightseeing and Entrance Fees: Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motorcoach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

Tips and Taxes: Service charges and taxes on accommodations are included. Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included and are at tour member's own expense.

Not Included: Passport fee, travel protection insurance, meals not listed on itinerary, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to Newark/Liberty International Airport and vice versa is not included.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$400 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due August 9, 2010.

MTS Cancellation Conditions: Refund of full deposit (less \$100 administrative fee) will be made up to July 2, 2010. If cancellation occurs between July 3 and August 9, 2010, a fee of \$400 will be charged. From August 10, to September 8, 2010, the fee is \$400 plus unrecoverable airline, hotel and tour operator payments. There is no refund after September 8, 2010 or for unused tour services.

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