

The Life & World of Jesus



October 13 – October 26, 2022
Led by:
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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 JULY 6, 2022

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE AUGUST 15, 2022

\$3,061 - Land Price

Website will be updated once airfare group block is confirmed.

For individual airfare 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: **\$807** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

Please note that additional COVID19 screening will be required at the traveler's expense, emails with detailed information will be sent closer to departure date.

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+
\$3000	\$126	\$149	\$232	\$302	\$368	\$500

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

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Day 1 Thursday, October 13 2022

DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2 Friday October 14

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. Time permitting, we may have an opportunity to stroll on the beach before dinner. Later we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.

Overnight: Grand Beach Tel Aviv



Day 3 Saturday October 15

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

Today we begin our tour with a visit to historic **Jaffa**, the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to warn the people of Nineveh. Then 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 then visit Cana, the sight of the first miracle of Jesus. We conclude our day at ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar Sea of Galilee



Day 4 Sunday October 16

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 **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. 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. After dinner we will meet with a local believer.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar - Sea of Galilee

Day 5 Monday Tuesday October 17

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: Nof Ginosar - Sea of Galilee

Day 6 Tuesday October 18

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. At the **Jordan River**, we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. *If the tour leader wants to do baptisms, the group can visit a baptismal site on the Jordan River.* 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. Conditions permitting, we will have a dip in the beautiful spring fed pools at **Sachne**, 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: David Dead Sea

Day 7 Wednesday October 19

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 **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. From Masada we drive north to 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. We will finish our afternoon by enjoying a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the **Dead Sea**. At the end of the day we will make the final ascent to **Jerusalem** – the City of the Great King. After dinner, the Director of Shores will lead us on a short stroll to a **rooftop panorama of the Old City**, and then share some encouraging testimonies.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 8 Thursday October 20

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** 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 to see the **Herodian Villas**, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. We continue our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 9 Friday October 21

THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we study 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, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. After breakfast, we will enjoy 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. From here we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, where we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus, and the "**Shepherd's Fields**" where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem

Day 10 Saturday October 22

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 day with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful **Garden Tomb**.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem



Day 11 Sunday October 23

Christ Church Service and Free Time

Christ Church is the oldest Protestant Church in the Middle East. Worship with believers from Jerusalem and from around the world ending with Holy Communion. Then spend free time in Jerusalem visiting the Christ Church Heritage Center to learn the history of outreach to the Jewish people in Jerusalem. Also visit the Tower of David across the street from Christ Church or visit some of the sites you have missed or use this time to purchase gifts for family and friends. **Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse Jerusalem**

Day 12 Monday October 24

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 or some of us will travel to Jordan to visit Petra.

For those taking the Jordan option, we will travel that day to Wadi Rum. At Wadi Rum we will visit with the Bedouin who have lived in the area for centuries. This area was made famous during World War 1 by British officer and adventurer T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia). That afternoon we travel to Petra for the Night. **Overnight: Petra**

Day 13 Tuesday October 25 Petra Option

PETRA

The final full day of your tour will be spent at Petra the historic ancient city preserved in the desert in Jordan. You will spend the day exploring the ancient, rose-red city of **Petra** where we'll examine the mysteries of the Nabataean traders and their strategic location along the silk and spice trade routes between the east and west. We enter the city through the Siq, a narrow slit in the mountains, with walls towering 80 meters on each side. You will have several hours to explore the twists and turns of this magnificent gorge city, including the infamous Treasury tomb from the first century. **Overnight: Petra**

Day 14 Wednesday October 26 Petra Option

Departure

After checking out of the hotel in the morning, you will travel back into Israel to Ben-Gurion Airport for your flight home.

Please register online via e-registration.

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/StGeorges-2022>

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.*