



The Life & World of Jesus

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

April 24–May 6, 2012

Hosted by: Lydia Barrows



Trace the life of Jesus from His home in Galilee to Jerusalem, with particular attention to the influence of Jewish thought and culture of the period on the origins of Christianity. Achieve a better understanding of Jesus' ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings for us today.



Top: Sea of Galilee from Mt. of Beatitudes

Bottom: Church of the Beatitudes



Western Wall & Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem



Top: Synagogue at Capernaum

Bottom: Cave #4, Qumran



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Tuesday, April 24 Departure

Depart Charleston, SC via Philadelphia for a transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv.

Wednesday, April 25 Arrival in the Land of Promise

Arrive in Tel Aviv. Time permitting, visit the ancient port of Jaffa, the location of Simon the Tanner's house and the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to warn the people of Nineveh. Overnight at the Blue Bay Hotel in Netanya.



Thursday, April 26 Light to the Nations

Begin the tour 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. Continue to Mount Carmel for a spectacular view over the Northern Israel. Study Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal. On the way to Megiddo, 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. Visit Megiddo for more discussion on Jewish apocalyptic literature and the book of Revelation. Conclude the day at ancient Nazareth and contemplate the home life of Jesus, the town and His early ministry. A special evening speaker is planned. Overnight at Ramot along the Sea of Galilee.



Friday, April 27 Around the Sea of Galilee – the Life of Jesus' Disciples

Spend the day visiting various sites around Lake Galilee and picture the Galilee ministry of Jesus and the lives of His disciples. Begin the day with a view from the traditional site of the Mount of Beatitudes and study Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God.



Stop at the "cursed" cities of Chorazin and Capernaum to discuss Jesus' relationship to the Pharisees. Along the way learn about and understand the New Testament fishing industry of these places and their relationship to the miracles of Jesus. Visit Kibbutz Ginossar (possibly eating lunch there) and see a fishing boat from the time of Jesus. Set sail on the Lake before heading back to the hotel and a visit to Beit Bracha, a CMJ centre on the shores of Galilee to hear about the work of this ministry. Overnight at Ramot on the Sea of Galilee.

Saturday, April 28 Exploring the Golan—The Kingdom of God & Biblical Imagery

Explore the upper regions of Israel today. In the morning visit a reconstructed biblical village at Katzrin to examine life in New Testament times and its everyday imagery in Scripture. Continue to Tel Dan, important in Biblical times and today as a modern nature reserve. Enjoy not only the flora and fauna along this source of the Jordan River, but visit the site of the ancient Israelite



city of Dan. In the afternoon, travel by the magnificent waterfalls of Banias and enjoy a visit to Caesarea Philippi. Ascend to the lower slopes of Mount Hermon by bus to discuss the Transfiguration and its relationship to the Hebrew Scriptures. Overnight at Ramot on the Sea of Galilee.

Sunday, April 29 The Jordan Valley—Fire and Water

Begin the day with a visit to the traditional Baptismal Site on the Jordan River and an opportunity for those wanting to be baptized in the Jordan. Stop at the biblical city of Beth Shean for an overview of the recent excavations of the Roman-Byzantine period when it was known as Scythopolis, one of the ten cities of the Decapolis. Examine the separation of the Church from the Jewish people today. Travel down the spectacular Syrian African rift and learn how that very conflict was instrumental in renewing various kinds of Jewish settlement in the Holy Land throughout the last 200 years. 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—and then continue to the Dead Sea in the arid Judean Wilderness. End the day enjoying a float in the therapeutic, mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. Overnight at Kibbutz Kalia along the Dead Sea.



Monday, April 30 The Desert As A Refuge

Begin the day at 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. Travel north to see the beautiful subtropical oasis of En Gedi before arriving at Qumran, home to what may



be the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel—the Dead Sea Scrolls. Discuss the relevance of the scrolls and their impact on Christianity. Stop for an scenic view of Jericho (the oldest and lowest city on earth), before the final ascent to Jerusalem—the City of the Great King. After dinner, enjoy a short stroll for a rooftop panorama of the Old City with Shores Director Yoel Seton. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 1 Jerusalem—The City of the Great King

This morning, visit the City of David, the place where it all began, and the most excavated site in the world. Walk through Hezekiah's tunnel (optional) to the Pool of Siloam. Visit the impressive Tower of David Museum, for an overall understanding of the history of Jerusalem. Enjoy a tour of the historic Christ Church compound, and learn about CMJ's illustrious history bringing the good news to the Jewish people. Evening Q&A time with CMJ Israel Staff Member. Overnight at the Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.



Wednesday, May 2 Discovering Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

Today is devoted to learning about Jerusalem in the Second Temple era. Plan on an early start to the Temple Mount, to consider some of Jesus' activities there. Travel to the excavations at the

southern wall of the Temple Mount to discuss Pentecost. After a visit to the Western Wall, Judaism's most holy site, walk 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 once the homes of the Sadducees and study Jesus' attitude toward the priesthood and Sadducee beliefs. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.



Thursday, May 3 Free Day in Jerusalem

Celebrate a Jewish Passover meal this evening at Christ Church for a unique understanding of the role of the Lamb of God. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.

Friday, May 4 Rachel Weeping for Her Children

After breakfast, travel to a viewpoint overlooking the hills of Ephrata, from which Bethlehem and the possible location of where shepherds first heard of the advent of the Messiah are both visible. Visit the Israel Museum to view the model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period. Continue to Yad VaShem, the



Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust and examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus, and the Jewish people before and during this period of time. Visit the Children's memorial and discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish/Christian relations today. Time permitting, stroll through the amazing and colorful souq, or open-air market, and enjoy some of the best people-watching in Israel. Join the staff and volunteers at Christ Church for a festive Shabbat dinner this evening. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in Jerusalem.

**Saturday, May 5 In the Steps of Jesus—
Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection**

Today begins with a visit to a tomb from the time of Jesus. Walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. Learn about crucifixion, burial and resurrection according to Jewish sources outside of the Bible which sheds 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 followed by dinner at Christ Church and a late evening departure.



Sunday, May 6 Arrive USA

Arrive in Charleston this afternoon via a connecting flight in Philadelphia.

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

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Tour Price from Chareleston, SC: \$3,889 per person based on double occupancy
Land Only: \$2,280 per person, based on double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$590

Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully.
Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

Air Transportation: Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, currently \$613, which are subject to change until ticketed. *Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline. Any change will be reflected in final invoice.*

Seat assignments: Seat assignments for groups are handled differently for groups than for individuals. Requests can be made, however, exact seat assignments are advised by the airline only at check-in.

Accommodations: Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge of \$590. *If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.*

Meals: In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily. Opportunity will be given for participants to purchase lunches on their own. Beverages with dinners are not included.

Transfers and Baggage: Transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. *Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.*

Sightseeing and Entrance Fees: Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach 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, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Checked luggage fee(s) charged by the airline. Transportation from your home to Charleston Airport and return is not included.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$400 per person. Deposits received after December 19, 2011, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due March 12, 2012.

MTS Cancellation Conditions: Refund of full deposit (less \$150 administrative fee) will be made up to January 18, 2012. If cancellation occurs between January 19 and March 11, 2012, a fee of \$400 plus any unrecoverable airline, hotel and tour operator payments. There is no refund after March 12, 2012, or for unused tour services.

Protect Your Investment: MTS TRAVEL strongly recommends purchasing this primary insurance coverage. If you purchase the protection plan upon enrollment within 21 days of your deposit, any restriction on pre-existing conditions is waived. If protection plan is purchased after the 21 days, all coverage is subject to exclusion of pre-existing conditions. Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations apply as set out in the Evidence of Coverage and Confirmation of Coverage, which you will receive upon receipt of deposit. You will have ten days to review coverage and cancel your policy.

Following is a brief description of coverage:

- This protection plan will cover you for cancellation fees if you need to cancel because of death, injury or illness to you, your traveling companion or your immediate family member.
- Medical Evacuation: \$250,000
- Medical Expenses: \$25,000
- Baggage loss/delay: \$1,500/\$250

A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining a passport will be provided upon receipt of deposit. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until December 6, 2012. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens.

All rates and fares are based on current information and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 32 persons traveling together.

Deviations: Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred.

The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

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Space is limited and reflects special group rates. \$400 per person deposit due by December 19, 2011
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**To be assured of reservations, please complete and mail this form, along with your deposit of \$400 per person to:
MTS TRAVEL, 124 E. Main St., 4th Fl., Ephrata, PA 17522, .**

Please reserve space as follows:

Enclosed is my deposit check of \$ _____ (\$400 per person.)

Please make check payable to MTS TRAVEL or complete the credit card payment information below.

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Name 1 (as it appears on passport): _____

Name 2 (as it appears on passport): _____

Nickname for name badge: _____

Nickname for name badge: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (evening) _____ (days) _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ Birthdate: _____

Passport Copies: Please provide a clear photocopy of the photo and signature page of your passport. This is required for all international tours.

Room Type: Twin/Double
 Single

Rooming With: _____

Land Only: Check if applicable

Travel Protection Insurance—Check One:

I/we wish to be covered by cancellation insurance.

(Include \$210 per person with your deposit check. The \$210 is not refundable.)- I/we do NOT wish to be covered by the cancellation insurance.

Credit Card Information: (NOTE: a 3% service fee is required. Please add 3% to your total charges.)

Please Charge:

Deposit \$ _____ + \$210 (Opt. Ins.) = **Subtotal** _____ x 3% fee _____ = \$ _____ **Total Charge**

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Name as it appears on card (printed): _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Security Code: _____

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

Signature: _____