

The Life & World of Jesus

with Ministry at Houses of Prayer

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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. We will also share ministry at houses of prayer throughout the Land. Our goal is a better understanding of Jesus' ministry, a better application of His teachings for us personally, and a vital connection with local believers in Israel.

Day 1: Sunday, March 3rd
DEPARTURE FROM USA

Day 2: Monday, March 4th
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. From here we make the ascent to **Jerusalem** – the City of the Great King. After dinner we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 3: Tuesday, March 5th
JERUSALEM PRAYER TOWER & JERUSALEM FROM KING DAVID TO JESUS

In the morning we will visit the **King of Kings prayer tower**, meet the people, and minister with them. After lunch we will head to the place where it all began – the **City of David**. Here we will learn about King David's conquest of the Jebusite city, and walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**. Next we will explore the excavations near the base of the **Temple Mount** and on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked. We will learn about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life, and gain new insights into the day of Pentecost. We complete our day at the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site. After dinner, the Director of Shoresh 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, Old City Jerusalem

Day 4: Wednesday, March 6th
JERUSALEM HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS & THE RESTORATION OF HOPE

After breakfast we will ascend the **Mount of Olives** to one of the oldest prayer centers in Jerusalem, where we will share ministry with the saints. 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. Back at Christ Church, will enjoy a tour of the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. We will be encouraged by stories of the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 5: Thursday, March 7th

SUCCAT HALLEL & IN THE STEPS OF JESUS - Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

This morning we will meet the staff and join in worship at **the first 24/7 worship center in Israel**. In the afternoon we will 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. From here we will walk down the Mount of Olives to **Gethsemane**. Next we cross the **Kidron Valley** and 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, Old City Jerusalem

Day 6: Friday, March 8th

FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM

Today is free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the **walls of the Old City**. Another option is a stroll in the **New City**. For a glimpse of modern Israeli society, you can easily follow pedestrian streets along **Jaffa Road** to **Zion Square**, then up **Ben Yehuda Street** to colorful **Mahane Yehuda** open-air market, where Jerusalemites shop for some of the best and freshest foods in Israel and sit in cozy cafes. The whole walk is filled with great people watching, photographic, shopping and eating opportunities. *Shoresh will provide a list of other interesting options for those who want to explore on their own.* In the evening, we will join the festive **erev Shabbat meal** at Christ Church.

Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City Jerusalem

Day 7: Saturday, March 9th

NAZARETH HOUSE OF PRAYER & INTRODUCTION TO THE GALILEE

We will leave Jerusalem and journey north up the spectacular **Syrian African Rift Valley** and then inland to **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. Here we will visit the **Nazareth House of Prayer & Exploits**. From here we continue to **Mt. Arbel**, where an easy stroll brings us to panoramic views over the Sea of Galilee, giving an excellent review of our studies in the area. From here we will climb down to the shore and set sail for a **boat ride on the Lake** to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time.

Overnight: Karei Deshe, Sea of Galilee

Day 8: Sunday, March 10th

EMMAUS WAY & AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE - Daily Life in the Time of Jesus

Emmaus Way is an innovative project to create a space for God to move. We will learn about the ministry and join them in seeking the Lord. The rest of 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. After a visit to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings, we will walk down the hill we will arrive at **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. Later in the afternoon we will go down to the **Jordan River**, where we will discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. There will also be an **opportunity for baptisms**. Overnight: Karei Deshe, Sea of Galilee

Day 9: Monday, March 11th

HAIFA PRAYER TOWER AND LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Today we travel west along the route of the ancient **Via Maris** past **Megiddo**, one of King Solomon's cities, and according to the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. We soon arrive at the bustling city of Haifa on the Mediterranean coast, where we will join the **new prayer ministry** there. In the afternoon we will visit two Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. The first is **Mount Carmel**, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We will end 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 continue down the coast to **Tel Aviv, "the city that never sleeps"**.

Overnight: Hotel Gilgal, Tel Aviv

Day 10: Tuesday, March 12th

DUGIT PRAYER TOWER & THE HOPE OF RESTORATION

We will begin our day at the prayer tower of **one of Tel Aviv's best known outreach ministries**. In the afternoon, we focus on the miraculous restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. At **Independence Hall** we will learn of the growth and struggles of this tiny country immediately prior to and since her independence. We will then visit the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the point from which Jonah tried to escape his calling to warn the people of Nineveh and the location of Simon the Tanner's house. Overnight: Hotel Gilgal, Tel Aviv

Day 11: Wednesday, March 13th

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

After breakfast we say farewell to Tel Aviv and take the short drive across the coastal plain to the airport to catch our flight home.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *Visits with the prayer ministries are still being confirmed.*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases that may not be possible.*