

# The Life & World of Jesus

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

January 15–26, 2017

Hosted by: Rev. Andrew Rowell



*Trace the life of Jesus from His home in Galilee to Jerusalem, paying particular attention to the First Century Jewish context in which Jesus lived. Achieve a better understanding of Jesus' ministry and a better application of His teachings for us today.*



Golan Heights



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## **Sunday, Jan. 15**      **Departure**

Motor coach transportation from Christchurch in Montgomery, Alabama is included for Full Tour Participants. Depart Atlanta early this evening for Newark Liberty Airport in New Jersey to catch the overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

## **Monday, Jan. 16**      **Arrival in the Land of Promise**

Arrive in Tel Aviv this afternoon and transfer to the Seasons Hotel, Netanya, located the Mediterranean Coast. If time permits, enjoy a stroll on the beach before dinner. There is a brief meeting for introductions, orientation, and prayer.

## **Tuesday, Jan. 17**      **Light to the Nations – Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah**

Travel up the coast and then inland to the Galilee, visiting a number of Biblical sites which testify to God's faithfulness to His word—past, present, and future. Begin at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the port from which Paul left Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. Travel up the coast to Mount Carmel, for a spectacular view over the northern part of Israel, and near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. Continue along the route of the ancient Via Maris to Megiddo, one of King Solomon's cities, and according the Book of Revelation, the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. The day ends at ancient Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. Overnight accommodations are at Ma'agan Holiday Village along the Sea of Galilee.



## **Wednesday, Jan. 18**      **Around the Sea of Galilee – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus**

Today is spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee and picturing the daily life and religion of the First Century and come to a better understanding of the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. Begin at Chorazin, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, to study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, and consider Jesus' teachings on the Kingdom of God. Walk downhill to Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. Enjoy a time of contemplation along the lakeshore at lovely Tabgha, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection. In the afternoon, visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "Jesus Boat," a first century Galilean fishing boat. Enjoy a boat ride on the Lake to enjoy the views with time for worship, prayer and reflection. After dinner, meet with a local believer. Return to Ma'agan Holiday Village for overnight.

## **Thursday, Jan. 19**      **Northern Israel – "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"**

Explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. Learn what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. Climb up to the magnificent Golan Heights. Visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at Katzrin, and examine life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Travel along the lower slopes of Mount Hermon—Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Stop at Caesarea Philippi, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Pass Druze Villages before arriving at Mt. Bental, a lookout spot near the border with Syria. This is



the area of the road to Damascus where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Stop at the Dan Nature Reserve to see the incredible archaeological remains of the OT city of Dan, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and here consider ancient Israel's apostasy. Enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream to discuss the meaning of "living water" as used in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching. Return to Ma'agan Holiday Village for overnight.

## **Friday, Jan. 20**      **The Jordan Valley – "In the World But Not of It"**

Depart the Galilee and begin the journey southwards down the spectacular Syrian African Rift Valley. Study the cultural tensions which existed at the time of Jesus, between Greco-Roman culture and Jewish culture (and later the early church), and between the Jewish religious establishment of the day and various spiritual reformers. At the Jordan River, discuss the ministry of John the Baptist and his relationship with Jesus. Visit the Biblical city of Beit Shean to examine the impressive excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was one the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis. If conditions permit, enjoy a dip in the beautiful spring fed pools at Sachne, near the base of Mt. Gilboa. Continue down the Jordan Valley to the arid Judean Wilderness, passing by the region of Jericho—the oldest and lowest city on earth. End the day with a visit to Qumran, 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 accommodations are at the David Hotel along the Dead Sea.

## **Saturday, Jan. 21**      **The Judean Desert - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness**

Today's theme is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. Begin by descending to the Dead Sea located in the arid Judean wilderness. Visit Masada, Herod the Great's magnificent desert palace fortress, and the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. Drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul. Walk into the nature reserve and to the waterfalls, and possibly see wildlife, such as the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. Discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. A perfect end to the day is to enjoy floating in the therapeutic mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. At the end of the day, make the final ascent to Jerusalem—the City of the Great King. After dinner, join the Director of Shores on a short stroll for a rooftop panoramic view of the Old City, and share testimonies. Overnight at the Gloria Hotel located in the Old City section of Jerusalem.



## **Sunday, Jan. 22**      **Free Day in Jerusalem**

This morning there is the opportunity to attend the worship services at Christ Church, the oldest protestant church in the middle east. The rest of the day is free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Return to the Gloria Hotel for overnight.

## **Monday, Jan. 23**      **Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus – The Temple at the Center**

Learn about the Jerusalem of Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. Learn how worship was performed in the temple, about the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and gain insight into the many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. Begin early this morning at the Temple Mount to 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, descend into to the subterranean Western Wall Tunnels to

walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. Continue through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to see the Herodian Villas—the palatial mansions which were the homes of the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. End the day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount to discuss Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked. Return to the Gloria Hotel for overnight.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24      The Restoration of Hope – A Garland Instead of Ashes**

Today’s study focuses on both great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord’s redemptive power. Learn about 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, travel to 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. Drive to Bethlehem to 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. Celebrate a Jewish Passover Seder meal this evening to better understand the role of the Lamb of God, making the biblical connections to the “last supper” shared by Jesus and His disciples. Return to the Gloria Hotel for overnight.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25      In the Steps of Jesus – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection**

Visits for today are related to Biblical passages concerning Jesus’ last week in Jerusalem. Understand why Jesus 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. Begin 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, walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. Cross the Kidron Valley and enter the Old City through Stephen’s Gate, and stop to examine the remains of the Pool of Bethesda. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. End with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus’ burial and resurrection, the peaceful Garden Tomb. Overnight accommodations are at the Gloria Hotel.



**Thursday, Jan. 26      To the Ends of the Earth**

Say farewell to Jerusalem this morning and descend through the mountains of Judea, driving through the coastal plain for the airport in Tel Aviv. After changing planes in Newark, arrive in Atlanta late this evening. Motor coach transfer from the airport to Christchurch in Montgomery, AL.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.
- 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.

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**Tour Price (based on departure from Atlanta, GA and two persons sharing a double room)**

**Air & Land Price: \$4,240** (check payment)  
**\$4,939** (single room supplement)

**Land Only Price\*: \$2,569** (check payment)  
**\$3,268** (single room supplement)  
 (\*does not include transfer from Christchurch)

**Travel Protection Insurance (per person, non-refundable):**

- **\$239** for cancellation coverage up to \$3,000
- **\$316** for cancellation coverage up to \$4,000
- **\$397** for cancellation coverage up to \$5,000

Pay insurance premium at time of deposit for immediate cancellation coverage. Coverage does not begin until insurance premium is paid.

**Deposit (due at time of registration\*): A \$500 deposit per person (plus insurance premium, if applicable) is required to secure registration. Space is limited and reflects special group rates.**

\* Registrations and deposits are due by **September 15, 2016**. Late registrations or deposits received after this date will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

**Credit Card Payments:** Credit card payments are accepted, however a 4% service fee must be added to the amount being charged. This service fee is calculated automatically when payment is received on-line. When registering by mail and paying by credit card, please multiply your payment by .04 and add this amount to your total.

# 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, which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.

**Seat Assignments:** Raptim Humanitarian Travel notes specific seat assignments as requested by tour members and submits them to the airline. However, the airline makes the actual assignments; there is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Any changes should be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility, or note under "Airline Seat Request" when registering.

**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. 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.

**Transfers and Baggage:** Group 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 and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for lunches and personal services are not included.

**Not Included:** Lunches and lunch tips, beverages with dinners, passport fee, the travel protection plan, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

**Deposit and Payment:** Reservations can be secured with a deposit payment of \$500 per person which is due prior to September 16, 2016. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due November 15, 2016.

**Passenger Initiated Cancellation Conditions:** The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by Raptim Humanitarian Travel minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposit funds.

- From date of deposit to and including October 6, 2016: \$175 per person service fee applies
- From October 7, 2016 to and including November 15, 2016: Full deposit (\$500 per person) plus any unrecoverable fees apply
- After November 15, 2016: No refund

Cancellation policies apply when cancellation occurs for any reason. There is no refund for any unused services or portion of the tour package.

**Host and/or Shores Initiated Cancellation Conditions:** The tour host and/or Shores would only consider cancelling a tour if government warnings or airline cancellations necessitate cancellation.

- When the tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$100 per person service fee will apply.
- When tour is cancelled by SHORES a \$250 per person service fee will apply.

**Protect Your Investment:** Group travel protection coverage is available to cover medical expenses (first-pay coverage), medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss, and baggage delay. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased up to and including time of final payment. Further information can be found on the Insurance tab of the tour registration website or by contacting your Raptim consultant.

**Passport, Visa & Health Requirements:** A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html>. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until July 24, 2017. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for his recommendation.

**Rates & Fares Information:** Rates are based on a minimum of 14 persons traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

**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. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through Raptim Travel), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time.

**Tour Operator Itinerary Changes:** 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.

**Traveler Safety:** In the ever-changing world situation, Raptim recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>.

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Prices and schedules appearing in this brochure are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. The tour operator reserve the right to modify the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air or other schedules. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of tours and/or the passenger.

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I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Raptim Humanitarian Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, and fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases. Raptim Humanitarian Travel has offered the option of purchasing travel insurance, and I take full responsibility for my decision to purchase or not.

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Checking the box above and signature are both required in the processing of the registration of this tour.