

Christian Travel Study Programs, Ltd.

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Preserving Bible Times Present:

“The Life and Land of Jesus”

Bible-in-Context Study Program in Israel



Looking NE through the Arbel Pass toward the Sea of Galilee

February 23- March 6 , 2016

\$ 4695.00 (from East Coast gateway); \$ 3395.00 (land only)

\$ 795.00 (single supplement)

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It's Not Just a Trip – It's an Investment in your Spiritual Journey!



My first visit to Israel in 1988 as part of a contextual study program profoundly changed my life. As a result, I never read the Bible the same way again and never taught the Scriptures the same way again. My spiritual time line now has two large spikes in it: before and after Jesus, and before and after Israel. Because of that impact, I relish taking people to Israel, but not in the ways trips to Israel are usually done.

Not all birds are robins. Not all flowers are roses. And not all trips to Israel are the same! That's why PBT partners with Christian Travel Study Programs (CTSP) to offer what we feel is the best possible Holy Land experience. We realize that most of you will only get to Israel once. So we want that to be the best possible experience.

Some of the distinctive aspects of our “*Life and Land of Jesus*” contextual immersion trips include:

An integrated, thematic, contextual focus with a devotional emphasis. It's a learning experience, not a tourist trip.

Visiting Israel in early Spring often offers ideal conditions in the Eastern Mediterranean. Temperatures are usually in the 60's and 70's depending on the elevation. Everything is green from the winter rains and the air quality is excellent, all of which makes for pleasant touring and great photography.

A team approach with three teachers: yours truly, Dr. Randall Smith of CTSP, and Shlomo Ben Asher our favorite Israeli guide (raised on a kibbutz) who plays a recorder, helps us understand contemporary Israel and personally escorts us through the Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial Museum) showing us where many of his family died in Eastern Europe.

We've customized this program to visit not only the usual sites, e.g. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, but other less visited sites as well, e.g. Chorazin, Har Bental, Arbel Cliffs, Gamla.

An ideal trip to Israel is 15% visiting the sites and 85% learning about the sites together with the motifs and themes that “connect the dots” of the sites. We teach with an integrated focus on the historical, cultural, geographic and literary context of passages and their sites in such a way that deals not only with the facts, but with their purpose and meaning. That means we engage each site not only from an informational perspective, but from a devotional and transformational perspective as well.

I would like to think that our team-teaching, thematic based approach to encountering the context of the Bible is without peer as a learning and spiritual formation experience. Consider joining us for this life-changing trip. It will truly be one of the best “investments” you will ever make in your spiritual journey.



Doug Greenwold

Preserving Bible Times

WHAT PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID ABOUT “THE LIFE AND LAND OF JESUS”

Marvelous experience...A trip that has changed my life, thinking, serving, prayer life and attitudes...A winning combination of three gifted teachers where all the bases are covered – archaeology, cultural context, geography and a passionate local. Impossible to beat!...A life-changing experience that will never leave you the same...A heart changing experience. An incredible, awesome trip of a lifetime...I don't think I can describe it! All I would say is – DO IT! It is everything you could imagine and much, much more!



Day One: Departure from US

Depart east coast gateway; arrive next day. Overnight: In flight.

Day Two: Arrival Day

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, in the area known as the "Plain of Ono" in the Book of Nehemiah. We will transfer to our hotel located by the beach in Tel Aviv. After dinner we will have a brief orientation, and look forward to a good night's sleep. Overnight: Tel Aviv.

Day Three: Conflicts in the Background of the Gospels

Highlighting four example sites, this study focuses on the key conflicts in the background of Jesus' public ministry. (Sites: Caesarea Maritima, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Sepphoris). Overnight: Sea of Galilee.



Day Four: Characteristics of the Disciples

Using the gospel accounts, we will investigate the hints on the background, education and theology of the Disciples. (Sites: Capernaum, Boat on Sea, Mt. Beatitudes, Chorazin, Mt. Arbel). Overnight: Sea of Galilee.

Day Five: Private Teaching to the Disciples and Jewish Nationalism

Our focus will be on the common teaching style of the ancient rabbis. Sites: Tel Dan, Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi), Har Bental, view toward Gamla. Overnight: Sea of Galilee.



Day Six: The Perea Ministry

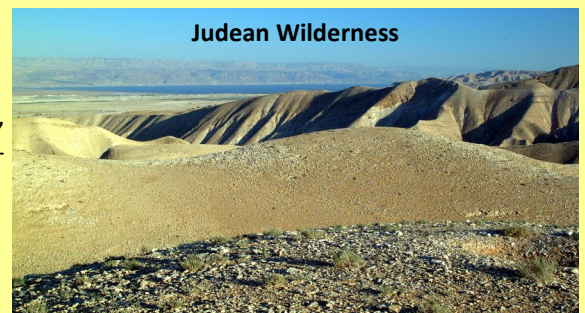
Luke's "Special Section" (10-19) includes a longer narrative of Jesus' walk through Perea. After looking at these as we journey through the Samaritan Wilderness, we will arrive in time to use the spa facilities at our Dead Sea Hotel and immerse ourselves in the Dead Sea experience! (Sites include: Beth Shean excavations, Qumran, Dead Sea Spa). Overnight: Dead Sea area.

Day Seven: The Wilderness Places

Various Biblical wilderness themes will be highlighted, with a special view toward the Patriarchal narratives and their impact on Jesus. (Sites include: Masada, Ein Gedi hike, OT and NT Jericho). Overnight: Jerusalem.

Day Eight: Setting of the Birth of Jesus

We will investigate what the Biblical accounts tell us of Jesus' birth, based on both the Matthew and Luke accounts. (Sites include: Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Herodion). Overnight: Jerusalem.



Day Nine: Temple Troubles and Messianic Expectations

Visits to Gethsemane, Mt. Zion (House of Caiaphas and Last Supper Room); the Western Wall and the South Wall excavations, where we will examine the description of the Hallel Psalms by the Biblical Pilgrims to Jerusalem. Overnight: Jerusalem.



Day Ten: Journey to Calvary

The issues involved in the arrest, trial and conviction of Jesus will be our subject as we journey through the "salvation geography" of Jerusalem in the Gospel According to John. (Sites: Temple Mount, Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre). Overnight: Jerusalem.

Day Eleven: Hebrew Backgrounds and the Shephelah

This morning our Jewish guide will take us to see the Model of the City from 2nd Temple period, located at the Israel Museum. From there we have a very moving visit to Yad Vashem, the Memorial to the Holocaust. In the afternoon we visit the beautiful Bell Caves, the Elah Valley to revisit the story of David & Goliath, and end our day in the lovely Sorek Valley where the Ark was returned to Beth Shemesh. Overnight: Jerusalem.



Day Twelve: Free day

This morning we will do a wrap up teaching before we head to the Garden Tomb for communion. The afternoon is free for last minute shopping, packing and/or a rest before our final dinner, and then departure for the airport and our late-night flights.

Day Thirteen: Back Home! Arrive back in the USA.

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- Sit on the Sea of Galilee shoreline and understand the teachings of Jesus as first century disciples would have heard them
- Experience a wonderfully transforming way to encounter Jesus – In His Near Eastern Context – in ways that will stir and soothe your soul.
- Deepen your walk as you broaden your grasp of the context of the New Testament and its implications for today!