



Alumnus/a Invitational Holy Land Journey

10 Days, 18—27 January 2022

4 Day Elective: The Wonders of Jordan, returning 31 January 2022

Syllabus

Objectives:

- To introduce prospective group leaders to experiential, contextual study for the purpose of exploring the feasibility of future group travel
- To provide an overview of the geographical, social, historical, archaeological and cultural settings of the Bible
- To become acquainted with the key issues in biblical studies and the study of Christian origins
- To gain an overview of modern biblical scholarship, including the rudiments of archaeology, and its importance for clergy, professors, students and lay people
- To learn about Christians in the Holy Land
- To become familiar with the nature of Christianity in the Holy Land and the role of the church today
- To gain understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its impact on neighboring countries, possibilities for peacemaking

Texts: (All participants would find reading one of the following books to be beneficial.)

- 1) Ateek, Naim. *Justice and Only Justice*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989.
- 2) Borg, Marcus J. *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. New York, NY: Harper San Francisco, 1994.
- 3) Braverman, Mark. *Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land*. Austin, TX: Synergy Books, 2010
- 4) Burg, Avraham. *The Holocaust is Over, We Must Rise from Its Ashes*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2008.
- 5) Carter, Jimmy. *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- 6) Chacour, Elias. *Blood Brothers*. Tarrytown, NY: Chosen books, 1984.
- 7) Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Real Jesus*. New York, NY: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996.
- 8) Kimball, Charles. *Striving Together*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.
- 9) Miano, Peter J. *The Word of God and the World of the Bible: An Introduction to the Cultural Backgrounds of the New Testament*. London: Melisende, 2001.
- 10) Oz, Amos. *Israel, Palestine and Peace*, New York, NY: Vintage, 1994.
- 11) Pappé, Ilan. *A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- 12) Rousseau, John J. and Arav, Rami. *Jesus and His World*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995.

Itinerary (subject to change due to local circumstances):

Day 1 Depart USA
18.1, Tu

Day 2 Arrive Amman, Orientation & Introductions

- 19.1, W overnight in Amman
- Day 3
20.1, Th Theme: Christian Heritage in Jordan
Field trip: Madaba, Mt. Nebo (Dt. 34), Old Amman, souk al balad, view theatre, view nymphaeum, Jordan Museum, driving tour of Amman
PM forum: meeting with Jordanian Christians
Overnight in Amman
- Day 4
21.1, F Theme: The Mountain of the Gilead, the Jordan Valley
Field trip: Jerash (Mark 7:31), Ajloun Castle, Pella (time permitting), cross Jordan River at Bet Shean
Overnight in Galilee
- Day 5
22.1, Sa Theme: Jesus' Ministry in Lower Galilee
Field trip: Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation or Church of St. Gabriel, (Matt 2: 23, Luke 1: 26- 38, 4:16- 30, 1 Kings 21, John 4: 46-54), Meeting with Jonathon Cook (journalist), Sepphoris—time permitting
PM forum: TBD
Overnight in Galilee
- Day 6
23.1, Su Theme: Jesus Ministry and Resurrection Around the Sea of Galilee
Field trip: boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, (John 21), Mt. of the Beatitudes (Luke 13: 10-21, Matt 5- 7, 11: 20- 24, Mark 4- 6, John 21), Bethsaida, Wadi Hammam—time permitting
PM forum: TBD
Overnight in Jericho
- Day 7
24.1, M Theme: Birth & Baptism
Field trip: Qasr al Yehud (baptismal site), Qumran, Masada, The Mount of Olives, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane
PM Forum: TBD
Overnight in Bethlehem
- Day 8
25.1, Tu Theme: Bethlehem and Its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: Bethlehem, Old City walking tour, Church of the Nativity (Lk 2; Mt 2), view Herodion, Tent of Nations, Palestinian refugee camp
PM forum: TBD
Overnight in Bethlehem
- Day 9
26.1, W Theme: Jerusalem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: 8:00 AM Temple Mount/Haram esh Sherrif, Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Mt. 27-28; John 20) Western Wall/Jewish Quarter, Via Dolorosa
overnight in Bethlehem
- Day 10
27.1, Th Return to USA OR continue with the elective *The Wonders of Petra & Jordan*

4 Day Elective: The Wonders of Petra & Jordan (\$1, 389 based on 10 enrolled)

- Day 10
27.1, Th Theme: The Negev and Wadi Araba
Field trip: Hebron (Gen 13, 23), Cave of Macphelah/Ibrahimi Mosque, The Negev, Ein Avdat overview, Maktesh Ramon & overview, Araba crossing into Jordan.
Overnight in Wadi Rum.

- Day 11 Theme: Desert Exploration

- 28.1, F Field trip: Wadi Rum jeep safari (optional, additional cost), Al Beidha (Neolithic settlement), Siq al Barid (Little Petra).
Overnight Wadi Musa
- Day 12 Theme: Exploration and Wonder
29.1, Sa Field trip: Full day exploration of Petra.
Overnight Wadi Musa
- Day 13 Theme: The Desert Highway & the King's Highway
30.1, Su Field trip: Shoback Castle (overview)
Overnight Amman
- Day 14 Return to USA
31.1, M