



St. Anne's in the Field Episcopal Church

The Land of Jesus: Then and Now

10 Days Journey, 16-25 February 2024

4 Day Elective: The Wonders of Jordan: Wadi Rum, Petra, returning 29 February 2024

Syllabus

Objectives:

- 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) Pappe, 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  
16.2, F
- Day 2            Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer to Taybeh  
17.2, Sa            Overnight Taybeh
- Day 3            Theme: Beginnings—Birth & Baptism  
18.2, Su            Field trip: Worship (tbd), Israeli settlement, 1<sup>st</sup> Century House/House of the Parables, Jericho, view Tel es Sultan (Joshua 5-7, Judges 1: 27- 36), Baptismal site—Qasr al Yehud (Mk. 1:1-12; Mt. 3: 1-4:17; Lk. 3: 1-22; 4: 1-13; Jn. 1: 1-42), Hisham's Palace  
PM Forum: Palestinian speaker  
Overnight Taybeh
- Day 4            Theme: Samaria & Lower Galilee  
19.2, M            Field trip: Nablus/Shechem (John 4), Jezreel Valley (1 Kings 21, John 4: 46-54), Nazareth (Lk. 4: 16-30), The Basilica of the Annunciation, 4:00 PM Sisters of Nazareth Convent (koch tombs)  
Overnight Galilee
- Day 5            Theme: Jesus' Ministry Around the Sea of Galilee  
20.2, Tu            Field trip: boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Church of St. Peter's Primacy (John 21), Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves (Mk. 6:30-44), Mt. of the Beatitudes (Luke 13: 10-21, Matt 5- 7, 11: 20- 24, Mark 4- 6, John 21), Wadi Hammam  
PM forum: Israeli speaker  
Overnight Galilee
- Day 6            Theme: The Jordan Valley & the Judean Wilderness  
21.2, W            Field trip: Bet Shean (1 Sam 31: 1-13), Jordan River Valley, Masada, Qumran, the Dead Sea  
Overnight Jerusalem
- Day 7            Theme: Jerusalem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus  
22.2, Th            Field trip: Harem esh Sharif/ Temple Mount, Old city walking tour including the Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Lithostratos, Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Mt. 27-28; John 20) 4:00 PM Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom  
Overnight Bethlehem
- Day 8            Theme: Jerusalem—Then & Now  
23.2, F            Field trip: Mt. of Olives overview and orientation to Jerusalem, Palm Sunday walk, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Israel Museum/2nd Temple model/Shrine of the Book, Tent of Nations, Bethlehem wall tour  
PM Forum TBD  
Overnight Bethlehem

Day 9                    Theme: Bethlehem & Its Environs at the Time of Jesus  
24.2, Sa                Field trip: Bethlehem, Old City walking tour, Church of the Nativity (Matt 2: 23,  
Luke 1: 26- 38), 3:00 PM Al Rowwad (Aida refugee camp), Herodion, Shepherd's  
Fields,  
PM Forum: TBD Overnight Bethlehem

Day 10                 Return to USA  
25.2, Su

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

Day 10                 Theme: The Negev and Wadi Araba  
25.2, Su                Field trip: Hebron (Gen 13, 23), Cave of Macphelah/Ibrahimi Mosque, The  
Negev, Ein Avdat, Maktesh Ramon, Araba crossing into Jordan, dinner is on your  
Own at a nearby restaurant  
Overnight Aqaba.

Day 11                 Theme: Desert Exploration  
26.2, M                Field trip: Wadi Rum jeep safari (optional \$55 per person), Al Beidha (Neolithic  
settlement), Siq al Barid (Little Petra), Overnight Wadi Musa

Day 12                 Theme: Exploration and Wonder  
27.2, Tu                Field trip: Full day exploration of Petra, Overnight Wadi Musa

Day 13                 Theme: The Desert Highway & the King's Highway  
28.2, W                Field trip: Shoback Castle (overview), Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Overnight Bethlehem

Day 14                 Return to USA  
29.2, Th

\*The daily itinerary is subject to local conditions, including weather, opening and closing hours, holidays, flight schedules, etc. In such circumstances, substitutions will be made.