

Walk With Jesus Tour
Hosted by the Center for Judaic-Christian Studies
Mar. 6 - 16, 2018

We will trace the life of Jesus from his home in Galilee to Jerusalem, giving particular attention to the influence of Jewish thought and culture of the period on the origins of Christianity. Our goal is a better understanding of Jesus' ministry, his place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings for us today.

Day 1: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

ARRIVAL IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

From the airport we will travel to our hotel on the coast. Time permitting we can stroll on the beach before dinner. Overnight: Season's Hotel, Netanya

Day 2: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

FROM PROPHET TO SAGE

We begin our day at the fabulous remains of the Herodian city of **Caesarea Maritima**, the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel with the Good News to the Gentile world. Here we discuss the impact of Hellenism on the Jewish People in the first century. We then travel up the coast to **Mount Carmel** for a spectacular view over Northern Israel. Here we will recount the victory over the prophets of Baal and the Elijah/Elisha influence upon the ministry of Jesus. At **Bet Shearim**, the burial place of Yehuda Hanassi the compiler of the Mishna, we outline how the end of prophecy gave rise to the importance of the sages. We conclude our day at ancient **Nazareth** where we contemplate Jesus' home life and early ministry. Overnight Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 3: Thursday, March 8

"COME AND FOLLOW ME"

We will visit various sites around Lake Galilee as we get a clearer picture of the ministry of Jesus and the nature of first century discipleship. We will start the day with a view from the traditional site of the **Mount of Beatitudes** where we study the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. Our next two stops will be the cities of **Chorazin** and **Capernaum** where we discuss Jesus' relationship to the Pharisees. Along the way we will seek to understand the New Testament fishing industry and its relationship to the miracles of Jesus. After lunch and some quiet time by the Lake we visit **Kibbutz Ginossar** to see a fishing boat from the time of Jesus. From there we will set sail on the Lake with time for worship, prayer, &/or devotions. Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 4: Friday, March 9

"WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?"

We begin the day at **Katzrin**, a reconstructed Jewish village and examine Biblical imagery of everyday life in New Testament times. Continuing to ascend the magnificent Golan Heights nearby Israel's highest mountain, we will discuss the Transfiguration story and its relationship to the Hebrew Scriptures. Next we visit the region of **Caesarea Philippi** where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. At the Dan nature reserve we enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream, the main source of the Jordan River, and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Scriptures. At **Tel Dan** we will see the archeological remains of Jereboam's temple and a city gate from the time of Abraham.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

Day 5: Saturday, March 10

"THE WINNOWING FORK IS IN HIS HAND"

Today we stop at sites in the Jordan Valley, including the **Jordan River** and the sectarian settlement of **Qumran**. Here we discuss the life and ministry of John the Baptist, examine his understanding of Messiah, baptism and the role of the Holy Spirit. If time and conditions permit, we visit **Jericho**, the world's oldest city, and compare the messianic expectations of John with Jesus. Overnight: Ein Gedi,

Dead Sea

Day 6: Sunday, March 11

THE DESERT AS A REFUGE

Today's emphasis will be on the desert -- a place of testing and revelation in Biblical spirituality. We begin our day at **Masada**, one of Herod's magnificent fortresses and the last Jewish stronghold to fall captive to the Romans. Here we discuss the Herodian dynasty and Zealot ideology. We will also visit the synagogue at **Ein Gedi** and take a **walk in the oasis** (optional) where David hid from Saul. In the afternoon we will have free time for relaxation and reflection with the option of a visit to a Dead Sea Spa (for additional cost). Overnight: Ein Gedi, Dead Sea

Day 7: Monday, March 12

BELOVED ON ACCOUNT OF THE PATRIARCHS

Today, we depart for the City of the Great King via the Israelite fortress of **Arad** as well as visit the **Fountain of Tears** in the modern city of Arad. We will also visit the **Herodian**, a fortress built by Herod and the site of his burial. After dinner we will be treated to a short stroll for a rooftop panorama of the **Old City**. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 8: Tuesday, March 13

"HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"

Our day will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period. An early start takes us up on the **Temple Mount**, where we consider some of Jesus' activities there. After a visit to the **Western Wall**, we then make our way through the Old City's Jewish Quarter to the **mansions of the Sadducees**. Here we study Jesus' attitude toward the priesthood and the Temple. We complete our day at the Temple's **southern wall** and discuss Pentecost on the steps where Jesus walked. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 9: Wednesday, March 14

RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN

This morning we will visit **Yad VaShem**, Israel's Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history. There we also visit the **Children's memorial** and discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish-Christian relations today. We will spend our afternoon at the place where it all began - the **City of David**. Here we will learn about the new archeological discoveries, including the Citadel of David, and discuss King David's conquest of the Jebusite city before walking through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** to the **Pool of Siloam**.
Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 10: Thursday, March 15

FREE DAY IN JERUSALEM

Free day for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City.
Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Day 11: Friday, March 16

THE SON OF MAN MUST BE CRUCIFIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY RISE FROM THE DEAD

We begin the day visiting **tombs on Mount Scopus** from the time of Jesus. We walk down the **Mt. of Olives** to **Gethsemane** to learn about crucifixion, burial and resurrection according to Jewish sources. This will shed new light on the crucifixion and Jesus' vindication. We continue to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** and conclude our day with a time of reflection at the **Garden Tomb**.
Rooms kept at Christ Church Guesthouse until departure

LATE EVENING DEPARTURE ON FRIDAY OR VERY EARLY SAT MORNING

Please note: Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.