



God's Faithfulness

A Shores Study Tours Itinerary

May 30 - June 11, 2015

Led by: Archbishop Foley and Alison Beach

We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place, and dig deep into the Scriptures in their original context to learn about God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future. Our tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.



Golan Heights



Dome of the Rock



Church of the Beatitudes



Capernaum Synagogue



Cave #4, Qumran



Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem



Caesarea Maritima



Nazareth Old City

Saturday, May 30

DEPART USA

Early morning flight departure from Atlanta Airport via Paris to Tel Aviv.

Sunday, May 31

Arrival in the Land of Promise

We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv, where we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. From the airport we will travel to our hotel on the Mediterranean Coast. Time permitting, we may have an opportunity to stroll on the beach or swim before dinner. Later we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer. Overnight: Holiday Inn, Ashkelon, Mediterranean Coast

Monday, June 1

The Lives of the Patriarchs

We begin our journey by climbing up through the strategic lowlands into the Mountains of Judea, to the burial Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, where we will look at God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Next we shall continue in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the Negev in the Bible (a name it still carries today). Here we will visit a Bedouin site where we examine their nomadic culture in order to shed light on the lives of Abraham and the Patriarchs. Time permitting, our last stop will be Tel Arad, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress. We conclude our day travelling through the Judean Desert to our spa hotel on the Dead Sea, where we can enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters. Overnight: Isrotel Ganim Spa Hotel, Dead Sea



Tuesday, June 2

The Judean Desert - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. We begin our day at Masada, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the site of the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. From Masada we drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, we can walk into the nature reserve and possibly to the waterfalls. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. Our last site will be Qumran, likely 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. Later in the day we will travel north up the spectacular Syrian African Rift Valley, crossing the Jordan River before we arrive at our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee



Wednesday, June 3

AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Our day will be spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee as we try to picture daily life and religion in the First Century, and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. We will start the day at Chorazin, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Our next stop will be the Mount of Beatitudes, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. After a short walk or drive down the hill we will arrive at Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. At lovely Tabgha, which commemorates the multiplication of loaves and fish, and where Jesus met

the disciples after the resurrection, we will enjoy a contemplative time on the shore of the Lake. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "Jesus Boat", a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail for a boat ride on the Lake to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. After dinner we will meet with a local believer. Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee

Thursday, June 4

Northern Israel – "Who Do Men Say That I Am?"

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. We will seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. We begin by climbing up to the magnificent Golan Heights. In the morning we will visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at Katzrin, where we will take another close look at life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Next we will travel along the lower slopes of Mount Hermon – Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Our next stop is Caesarea Philippi, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Along the way we will pass Druze Villages before coming to Mt. Bental, a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the road to Damascus where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Our final stop is the Dan Nature Reserve, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the OT city of Dan, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching. Overnight: Ma'agan Holiday Village, Sea of Galilee



Wednesday, June 5

Light to the Nations – Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah

Today we travel west and then down the coast, visiting a number of Biblical sites that testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. Our first visit of the day will be ancient Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. We continue along the route of the ancient Via Maris to Megiddo, one of King Solomon's cities, and according to the Book of Revelation possibly the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. We then travel up the coast to Mount Carmel, with a spectacular view over the North of Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We complete our day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome. From here we will travel to a lovely messianic kibbutz with a chance to stroll in their biblical gardens in the evening. Overnight: Yad Hashmona Messianic Village, Judean Hills



Saturday, June 6

IN THE STEPS OF JESUS

Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection

This morning we will enter Jerusalem, the City of the Great King. Today we focus on sites related to the Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Our goal is to understand why He 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. We begin our day 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, we will walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. Next we cross the Kidron Valley and enter

the Old City through Stephen's Gate, stopping to examine the remains of the Pool of Bethesda. Depending on the group's interest, we may walk parts of the Via Dolorosa, stopping at several of the places mentioned in the Bible, and arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We end our tour with a reflective time at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful Garden Tomb. After dinner we will be treated to a short stroll for a rooftop panorama of the Old City and talk with the Director of Shoresh Study Tours. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Sunday, June 7

Free Day in Jerusalem

Today is free for attending Christ Church worship services with an afternoon of rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Shoresh will provide a list of interesting options for those who want to explore on their own. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Monday, June 8

Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus The Temple at the Center

Today will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. We will study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and generally enrich our insight into many important events in the gospels and book of Acts.



An early start will take us up to the Temple Mount, where we'll 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, we will take a trip to the subterranean Western Wall Tunnels to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We then make our way through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to see the Herodian Villas, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. We complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Tuesday, June 9

The Restoration of Hope – A Garland Instead of Ashes

Today we study both great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. We will examine 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, we travel to Yad VaShem, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. From here we take the short drive to Bethlehem, where we will 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. At the end of the day, we will enjoy a tour of the Christ Church Heritage Centre to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. This evening we will expand our understanding of the role of the Lamb of God by celebrating a Jewish Passover Seder meal together, making Biblical connections to the "last supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Wednesday, June 10

Samaria: Ancien Israel

Today we journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, of the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited will likely include Shiloh, Mt. Gerezim, Mt. Kabir, and an overview of Bethel. We will focus on our roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to our understanding of the New Testament. Overnight: Christ Church Guesthouse, Old City, Jerusalem

Thursday, June 11

To the Ends of the Earth

We say farewell to Jerusalem and descend through the mountains of Judea to the airport on the coastal plain to catch the flight home.

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.

\$500.00 per person is due by January 30, 2015. Space is limited and reflects special group rates.

Deposits received after January 30, 2015 will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms. \$520.00 if payment by credit card

NOTE: If paying by credit card there will be a 4% credit card processing fee

Tour Price from Atlanta GA: \$4,078 per person based on two people sharing a room; \$4,242 paid with credit card

Land Only: \$2,335 per person based on two people sharing a room; \$2,429 paid with credit card

Single supplement \$599; \$623 paid with credit card

Register on-line at:

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Tour Features and Conditions

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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: Group seats are available approximately 30 days prior to departure and are assigned at the airline's discretion. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility.

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, travel protection insurance, 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. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due March 31, 2015

MTS 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 MTS TRAVEL a minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposit funds.

- From date of deposit to and including February 19, 2015
\$100 per person service fee applies (see exception*)
- From February 20, 2015 to and including March 31, 2015:
Full deposit (\$500 per person) plus any unrecoverable fees apply
- After April 1, 2015: 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.

*Exception: When tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$25 per person service fee will apply.

Protect Your Investment: Travel insurance is available to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, emergency evacuation & repatriation of remains, and accidental death and dismemberment. Further information can be found on the MTS TRAVEL website at: <http://www.travelguard.com/mtstravel>. If full coverage of trip costs is purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit, pre-existing medical conditions will be waived.

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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 MTS 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.

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