



# Pilgrimage to the Biblical Heartland

with Brett Andrews  
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and Instructor, Dr. Mark Ziese



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## About Your Instructor...

### Mark Ziese, Ph.D.

Discovering the place where faith begins is a passion for Mark Ziese. This experiential quest is at the center of his work as a Field Instructor with the Jerusalem Center of Biblical Studies, his archaeological excavations in the Middle East, and his regular engagement with college and seminary students.

Mark has been studying, speaking, and writing on matters related to the Bible and its world since 1984. He was named a Fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem in 2011.

Learn more about Mark at his website at:

[www.biblelandexplorer.com](http://www.biblelandexplorer.com).



# ITINERARY

### December 2 and 3 - Travel days. Depart the USA, Arrive in Tel Aviv

Depart the USA for the Biblical Heartland. Transfer to a hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

### December 4 - Caesarea-by-the-Sea, Mount Carmel, Mount Arbel

Travel to Caesarea-by-the-Sea, a site built as the imperial center for the Roman government. Its harbor, theater, and marbled streets signal the arrival of foreign occupation in the Heartland, and, not surprisingly, the beginning point for Christianity in the Gentile world. Visit Mount Carmel, where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. Visit Mount Arbel, a spectacular viewpoint from which one can observe the region of Galilee. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Tiberias.

### December 5 - Magdala, Mount of the Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, Primacy of Peter, Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee

Dawn comes early at Magdala, an industrial site on the edge of the Sea of Galilee. View impressive remains that illustrate the fishing industry from the time of Christ. From Magdala, travel to other nearby places linked to specific Gospel moments: the calling of the disciples, the miracle feedings, the Sermon on the Mount, and the restoration of Peter. Travel to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught. Finally, board a boat of your own and ride across the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Tiberias.

### December 6 - Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Nimrod, Golan Heights

Experience the beauty of the far north. Leave the Sea of Galilee behind and travel to the site of Dan. Here, an Israelite "high place," gate complex, and fortification walls are visible. Continue to the birthplace of the Jordan River at Panias, named after the goat god, Pan. Consider the nearby site of Caesarea Philippi, where Peter declared Jesus to be "the Christ." Finally, climb to the heights of Mount Hermon, a snowy peak that marks the highest spot in all the Heartland. From a castle built in the Crusader period, take in a view of the region where Jesus was transfigured. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Tiberias.

### December 7 - Sepphoris, Nazareth, Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth Village

Spend a day in the rolling hills of Galilee, visiting sites and people connected to early Christianity. Visit Sepphoris, an opulent Galilean capital from the Roman and Byzantine periods. Continue to Nazareth and walk through the Church of the Annunciation, a structure built over Jesus's traditional home. Explore Nazareth Village, a living display of life in biblical times. Return to Tiberias for dinner and your overnight stay.



## **December 8 - Jordan Valley, Jordan River, Jericho, Dead Sea**

Explore the ruins of Jericho where the walls came tumbling down! Travel to Qasr el Yahud for a personal experience with the Jordan River. Finally, arrive at your hotel on the shore of the Dead Sea for a memorable dinner, swim (!), and a well-deserved rest.

## **December 9 - Masada, Wilderness of Judea, Bethlehem, Shepherds' Field, Nativity Church**

Rise early to visit Masada, Herod's mountain fortress. Here, the First Jewish Revolt was brought to a bitter end by the Romans. Continue to Shepherds' Field, where the Good News was first heard. Continue to Bethlehem and experience the place where the Christian story begins: the Church of the Nativity. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Jerusalem.

## **December 10 - Temple Mount, Western Wall, Davidson Center, City of David**

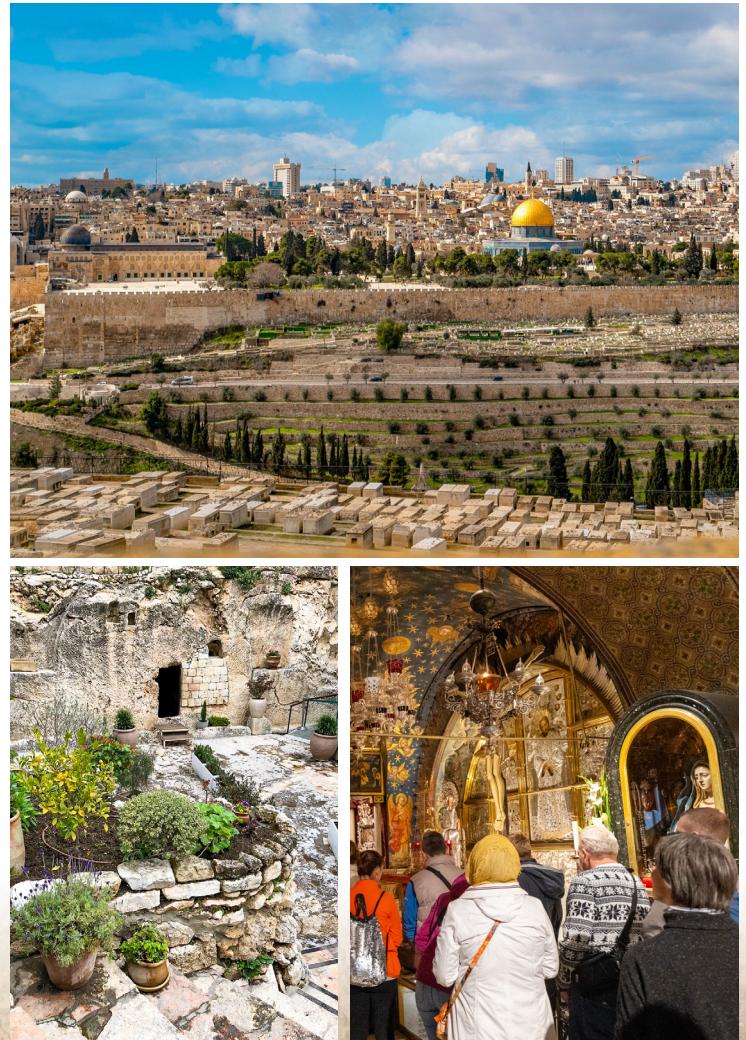
Consider the roots of Jerusalem as a sacred city to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Walk on the Temple Mount, where Solomon's glorious temple once stood, and Muslims continue to pray today. Experience the Western Wall, a place of meditation and celebration. Go underground and witness Jerusalem's earliest remains, including a Canaanite wall, the possible site of David's palace, and a spectacular water system (conditions permitting) that terminates in the Pool of Siloam. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Jerusalem.

## **December 11 - Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem's Old City**

Stand on the Mount of Olives for a view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of

Gethsemane. Enter the Old City and walk the path of the Via Dolorosa. Along the way, visit the Pool of Bethesda, the Church of St. Anne, and Ecce Homo. Finally, visit the site dubbed the most sacred in all Christianity: the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Here, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus are celebrated. Return to the hotel for packing, rest, dinner, and transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for the flight home.

## **December 12 - Arrive home with memories for a lifetime!**



## PROGRAM CONDITIONS

### INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Gratuities for driver • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers, passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Love offering for guide • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While JCBS/EOT will try to match roommates, JCBS/EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1098 during the basic tour.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$300	Due upon registration
Second Deposit	\$1,500	Due by 08/09/26
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 08/10/26 - 09/17/26 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Final Payment		Due by 09/18/26. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 08/09/26 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

### REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after August 9, 2026:

We welcome registrations after 08/09/26. Registrations received between 08/10/26 - 09/03/26 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 09/04/26 - 09/18/26 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 09/19/26 - 10/03/26 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 10/04/26 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

### CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation optional Travel Protection Program covers 100% of Cancellation Fees, provided the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From the day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline and land fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties, land penalties, and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to the day of departure = 100% of the total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after the day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

## STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

**JCBS/EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements.** Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. JCBS/EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by JCBS/EOT, and JCBS/EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of JCBS/EOT, JCBS/EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

### FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

**Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour.** Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. JCBS/EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of JCBS/EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see [eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement](http://eo.travel/) or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

## PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 08/09/26. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

### PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

### AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, JCBS/EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

### FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. JCBS/EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

### ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit [www.jcbs.org/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx](http://www.jcbs.org/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx).

### ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

### ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While JCBS/EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

### VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 12/28/26. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at [www.jcbs.org](http://www.jcbs.org). Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

### RELEASE INFORMATION:

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### Additional Cancellation Protection

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the JCBS/EO Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver that allows you to cancel your JCBS/EO travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this JCBS/EO Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be reimbursed in cash or in travel vouchers (depending on your reason for cancellation). Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the JCBS/EO website ([www.jcbs.org](http://www.jcbs.org)). **Plan costs must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect. Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by JCBS. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate. \*In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.**

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