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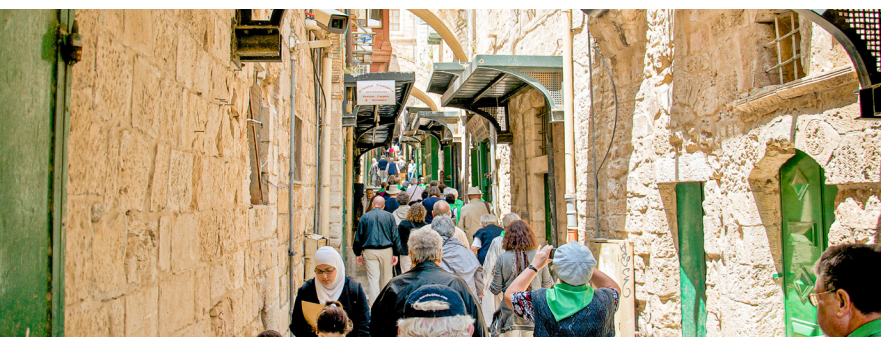
# Study Tour of the Biblical Heartland

with Isaac O'Casey and Mark Ziese

May 20 - 31, 2024



Instructor:  
**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

## **May 20: Depart**

Depart the USA

## **May 21: Arrive**

After arrival at the Tel Aviv airport, meet your guide and coach driver. Transfer to your hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

## **May 22: Caesarea-by-the-Sea, Mount Carmel, Megiddo**

Two spectacular sites frame this day. The first is associated with the NT period, and the second with the OT period. Caesarea-by-the-Sea was 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. The second site of the day is Tel Megiddo, an ancient command post. Many battles were waged in its shadow, including those of Israelite kings and Egyptian pharaohs. Walking through the remains of these two cities introduces the land, its history, and the challenge of interpretation. Continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **May 23: Sepphoris, Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth Village**

Spend a day in the rolling hills of Galilee, visiting sites and people connected to early Christianity. Walk through the Church of the Annunciation, a structure built over the traditional home of Jesus. Explore Nazareth Village, a living display of lifeways in biblical times. Visit nearby Sepphoris, an opulent Galilean capital from the Roman and Byzantine Periods. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **May 24: Magdala/Migdal, Tabgha/Chapel of the Primacy, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee Boat Ride**

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, 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 overnight at the hotel.

## **May 25: Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Nimrod**

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



**May 26: Qasr el Yahud (Jordan River), Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea Swim, Bethlehem**

Follow the Jordan River to the desert lands of the south. Stop at the site of Jericho where the walls came tumbling down! Travel to Qasr el Yahud for a personal experience with the Jordan River. At Qumran, peek at the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Have a swim in the Dead Sea before driving to dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

**May 27: Herodium, Shepherds' Field, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity**

Travel to the Herodium, the desert castle of Herod the Great. Climb its steep road for a view of the wilderness. Travel to the nearby Shepherds' Field, where the Good News was first heard. Finally, explore the place where the Christian story begins: the Church of the Nativity. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

**May 28: Mount of Olives, Palm Sunday Road, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of All Nations, Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre**

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. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

**May 29: Temple Mount, Western Wall, Davidson Center, City of David Excavations, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam**

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 overnight in Jerusalem.

**May 30: Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book, Elah Valley, Evening departure, Tel Aviv**

In the morning hours of this last day, explore the collection of the Israel Museum, a storehouse of artifacts, manuscripts, and art. Ride through the splendid countryside to the edge of the hill country. Visit sites connected to the stories of the Judges and Samson. Walk the Elah Valley battlefield where David faced Goliath. Return to your Jerusalem hotel for dinner and packing. Transfer to the airport for a night flight to the USA.

**May 31:**  
Arrive home.

***Note: The itinerary is subject to change per guide due to local conditions.***



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

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Host: Isaac O'Casey ID#: 58199 Tour: JC24

Departure City: Portland, OR Departure Date: 05/24/24 (Z)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: (Preferred Name)

Middle Name: Last Name: Title:

Street Address: P.O. Box:

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Phone: Alt. Phone:

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Birth Date: / / State of Birth: Sex: Male Female

Emergency Contact: Relationship:

Phone: Alt. Phone:

Dietary Restrictions:

How did you learn about this tour?

Guest 2: First Name: (Preferred Name)

Middle Name: Last Name: Title:

Street Address: P.O. Box:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone: Alt. Phone:

Email: Send me emails about my trip/JCBS promos

Birth Date: / / State of Birth: Sex: Male Female

Emergency Contact: Relationship:

Phone: Alt. Phone:

Dietary Restrictions:

How did you learn about this tour?

Roommate(s):

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

- 1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by JCBS (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 02/05/24.

Guest 1: I Accept I Decline
Guest 2: I Accept I Decline

DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$ Check # (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.JCBS.org

By signing below, I/We certify that I have read the "Fine Print," understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the "Fine Print" and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature:

Guest 2 Signature:

Tour: JC24 Date: 052024 Code: Z ID: 58199 v.003 05/08/23

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

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Schedule of Coverages

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Lists various coverage items and their corresponding maximum benefits.

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 Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excluding no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this waiver, you are eligible for a refund of your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies website (www.jcbs.org). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co.\*For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 3225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, oba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

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 • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Driver Gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • \$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: \$1055 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

All prices reflect a 3.5% discount for full payment via check.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 2 columns: Payment Amount, Payment Due Dates & Notes. Shows payment schedule for different deposit amounts and final payment.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after February 5, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 02/05/24. Registrations received between 02/06/24 - 02/20/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 02/21/24 - 03/06/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 03/07/24 - 03/21/24 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 03/22/24 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline 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 day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after 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 or contact JCBS/EOT for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 02/05/24. 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:

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.

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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.

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