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# First Church Holy Land Pilgrimage

with Tommy Baker and Mark Ziese

June 3 - 14, 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

## June 3: Depart

Depart the USA on an overnight flight.

## June 4: Arrive

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, collect your luggage and meet your instructor and driver. Continue to your hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and overnight in Netanya.

## June 5: Caesarea-by-the-Sea, Muhraqa (Mount Carmel), Mount Arbel

Begin this first full day in-country at the ruins and harbor at Caesarea-by-the-Sea, the imperial center for the Roman government in the land and a centerpiece of Christian origins. Climb to the top of Mount Carmel and relive the famous contest between Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. Roll into Galilee and climb to the top of Mount Arbel. From there, take in the glory of Galilee and its famous sea. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

## June 6: Galilee: Sepphoris, Nazareth Village, Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth's Old City

Travel to Sepphoris, the "ornament of all Galilee" and Roman capital of the region in the time of Christ. Continue to Nazareth Village to contemplate a "living museum" of life in the first century. Visit the Church of the Annunciation, built over the boyhood home of Jesus. Stroll through the shops of modern Nazareth before returning to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

## June 7: Sea of Galilee: Magdala, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Primacy of Peter, Tabgha, 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 the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered a most memorable sermon. Continue to sites associated with the ministry of Jesus, including the Primacy of Peter, Tabgha, and Capernaum. Conclude this relaxing day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

## June 8: The Far North: Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Nimrod's Fortress

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 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's Fortress, built in the Crusader period, take in an impressive view of the Upper Jordan Valley. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

## June 9: Yardenit (Baptism Site), Jericho, Dead Sea Swim

Travel to Yardenit for a personal experience with the Jordan River. Contemplate how the Israelites crossed this body of water on their way into Canaan. Much later, Jesus was baptized in this river

by John. Travel to the ruins of Jericho, where the walls came tumbling down! Think about the faith put on display in this amazing place. Finally, drive deep into the desert for dinner, a swim in the Dead Sea, and a memorable overnight in Ein Boqueq (Dead Sea).

**June 10: Bethlehem: Masada, Shepherds' Field, Church of the Nativity**

Drive from our desert encampment to a desert castle. See Masada, a mountain fortress of Herod the Great and the battle site of the First Jewish Revolt. Continue to Shepherds' Field, sing a Christmas carol, and remember that somewhere in these hills, the angels appeared to the frightened shepherds with an announcement of Good News. Travel to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem built over the site honored as the birthplace of Jesus. Finally, continue to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight near the Old City walls.



**June 11: Jerusalem: Mount Olives, Garden Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Pool of Bethesda, St. Anne's, Ecce Homo, 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. As a triumph of the pilgrim experience, 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. Conclude the day with a stop for reflection at the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



**June 12: Jerusalem: Temple Mount, Western Wall, Davidson Center, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam**

Enter one of Jerusalem's gates and consider the role of this famous place as sacred 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. Walk up the stairs that Jesus and the Apostles undoubtedly traveled as they visited the temple. 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. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



**June 13: Israel Museum, Free time for shopping in the Old City, Garden Tomb**

Spend this relaxing last day putting it all together. Head to the Israel Museum for a morning visit. Discover a magnificent model of Jerusalem in the NT period. Explore the largest collection of antiquities in the country. After lunch, travel back to the Old City for some free time of your own, drinking coffee, shopping, and sightseeing in Jerusalem's narrow streets. Clean up, pack, dine, and prepare for evening transfer to the Tel Aviv airport.



**June 14: Return to the USA**

Return home with memories to last a lifetime!

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

# TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: JCBS • P.O. Box 6067, Lakeland, FL 33807-6067  
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Host: Tommy Baker ID#: 55925 Tour: JC24

Departure City: Cincinnati, OH Departure Date: 06/03/24 (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: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

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|---|---|
| 1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.   | <input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline          |
| 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). | Guest 2: <input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline |
| 4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 02/19/24.  |   |

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Guest 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: **JC24** Date: **060324** Code: **Z** ID: **55925** v.005 05/18/23

### Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF427E](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF427E)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

#### Schedule of Coverages

	Maximum Benefit
Part A *	
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Part B	
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$200 Per Day)	\$2,000
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200

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 provided by 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, cba 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 Documentation 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: \$1324 during the basic tour.

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

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

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
\$100*	Registrations received by 08/03/23. *Additional \$500 deposit will be due 12/03/23.
\$300**	Registrations received between 08/04/23 - 12/02/23. **Additional \$300 deposit due 12/03/23.
\$600	Registrations received between 12/03/23 - 02/18/24.
\$1,200	2nd Deposit Amount. All guests must have \$1,200 on their account by 02/19/24 to be ticketed.
\$1,800	Registrations received between 02/19/24 - 03/19/24 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment	Final Payment is due on 03/20/24. 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 02/19/24 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 FEBRUARY 19, 2024:

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#### 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.

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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/fit-to-travel-statement) or contact JCBS/EOT for more details.

#### PASSPORT INFORMATION:

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#### PRICE INCREASES:

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#### AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

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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).

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