

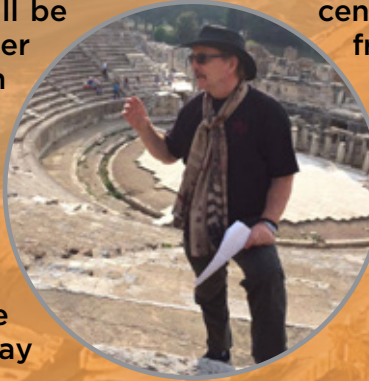
# THE JESUS TOUR

*A Spiritual Pilgrimage Through Israel*

March 9-17, 2023

Tour Host: **Dr. Andrew Jackson**

The "Jesus Tour Through Israel" will be led by Dr. Andrew Jackson, a teacher and author of several books on the Biblical Jesus. This is a unique tour that focusses on the primary locations of the life and ministry of Jesus. The goal of this spiritual pilgrimage is quality, not quantity. There are other sites that we could visit, but we want to make the most of our time together and stay



centered on Jesus. Also, we will have free time as couples or in small groups to explore Jerusalem on our own and spend personal time in prayer and reflection. Dr. Andrew Jackson will teach at the key locations of Jesus' life and ministry that will follow a Bible guide he will provide each participant. Visit Dr. Jackson's website at [www.DrAndrewJackson.com](http://www.DrAndrewJackson.com)

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### Itinerary:

#### **Mar 9 Thu Depart USA.**

Tour participants can depart on Turkish Airlines from the following departure airports (**LAX, Houston, New York JFK, Washington DC**). Individuals can choose to make their own airline arrangements. However, the tour group cannot wait for you if your flight is delayed and you do not arrive on time.

#### **Mar 10 Fri Istanbul and Tel Aviv, Israel.**

Our overseas flight arrives in **Istanbul, Turkey** where we take a connection flight to Ben Gurion Airport in **Tel Aviv, Israel** (a two hour flight). We go through customs, meet our Israeli guide, and drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner, and overnight. (D)

#### **Mar 11 Sat Mediterranean Coast and Galilee.**

After breakfast, we depart **Netanya** and drive 17 miles north along the Mediterranean Coast to the large archaeological site of **Caesarea Maritima**, a large port city on the Mediterranean Sea built by Herod the Great and named for Caesar. It is a Roman city with a theater, hippodrome, and Herod's palace. It was in Caesarea that the apostle Paul was imprisoned for approximately two years (*Acts 24:27*) before being sent to Rome for his trial (*Acts 26:30-32*). From Caesarea we drive 40 miles to spend considerable time in **Nazareth**, the hometown of Jesus. After Nazareth, we visit **Cana** (if time permits) where Jesus turned water into wine (*John 2:1-11*). We conclude our day on **Mount Arbel** that has a spectacular view of Lake Galilee. This view will provide insight to when Jesus calmed the storm on Lake Galilee (*Matthew 8:23-28, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25*). We drive to our hotel in **Tiberias** for dinner and spend the night (Ron Beach Hotel, Phone: 972-4- 6791350)

#### **Mar 12 Sun The Shores of Lake Galilee.**

After breakfast, we depart **Tiberias** and drive north along the shore of Lake Galilee visiting several of the primary locations of Jesus' ministry and teaching. Our first stop will be the excavated biblical town of **Magdala** that is located four miles northwest of Tiberias. Magdala was possibly the home of Mary Magdalene (*Luke 8:2*). Magdala has a first century synagogue where Jesus likely taught, and there are remains of a prosperous fish processing industry. We will visit a modern church dedicated to the women of the Bible that contains a replica of a first century fishing boat. Jesus' boat landed on the plain of Magadan (Dalmanutha) (*Matthew 15:39, Mark 8:9-10*). Two miles from Magdala, our second stop is the four-mile long fertile plain of **Gennesaret** where Jesus ministered to large crowds of people. We visit the Roman Catholic Church of the Beatitudes located on the hill west of the Gennesaret plain. It is the traditional location of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7, Luke 6*). We also visit Kibbutz Ginosar's Yigal Aion Museum that houses the remains of a first century fishing boat. This is the type of boat used by Jesus and his disciples when traveling across Lake Galilee, which is often called the "Jesus Boat." (Kibbutz En-Gev, train). Jesus' boat landed on the plain of Gennesaret (*Matthew 14:34, Mark 6:53, John —*). We drive 18 miles to our third stop at **Tabga** (*Heptapegon: location of seven springs flowing into Lake Galilee*). Tabga is an spacious region that was uninhabited during the time of Jesus. Tradition states that this is the possible location where Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him (*Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:10-11*). It is also considered the traditional location where Jesus gave the Great Commission to his apostles after his resurrection (*Matthew 28:16-20*). In Tabgha we visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish and the Church of the Primacy of Peter that



Sea of Galilee

commemorates Jesus feeding his disciples after his resurrection (*John 21:1-14*).

Close by is the "**Cove of the Sower**," our fourth stop. The "Cove of the Sower" is a horse-shaped inlet (about 100 yards wide) with sloping land going up the hill. Its setting creates a natural amphitheater and served as one of the major ministry locations of Jesus. Because of its extraordinary acoustics, it is believed that Jesus taught and ministered to large crowds of people along the shore and on its hillside. It is possibly the location where Jesus taught the parable of the Sower (*Matthew 13:1-9, Mark 4:1-9, Luke 8:4-8*), taught from Peter's boat (*Luke 5:2-3*), and where the miraculous catch of fish by Peter, James, and John took place (*Luke 5:4-10*)

Our fifth stop will be excavated biblical site of **Capernaum** that is located close to the "Cove of the Sowers" on the northwest shore of Lake Galilee. Capernaum was the central headquarters of Jesus' ministry in Galilee (*Matthew 4:13-16*). It has a white limestone synagogue built over the black basalt first-century synagogue where Jesus ministered. Near the synagogue is a modern church built over the house of Peter. Apart from Jerusalem, Capernaum is the primary location where Jesus ministered and taught. Because Capernaum was near the Jordan River and the northern Galilee territory ruled by Herod Philip there was a customs station, and was the home of a Roman Centurion and his troops. Capernaum's synagogue was built by the Roman Centurion (*Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10*).

Our sixth stop is the town of **Chorazin** that is located two miles northwest of Capernaum in a black basalt region. As a result, most of its building were made out of hard black basalt, including a black basalt synagogue. Although the Gospels do not mention Jesus ministering in Chorazin, it is clear that he did because he condemns it for rejecting him and the miracles that he performed there (*Matthew 11:20-24, Luke 10:13-16*).

We drive seven miles to our seventh stop at the town of **Bethsaida** that is located 2 miles east of the Jordan River's entrance into Lake Galilee. Bethsaida was built by Herod Philip, and today is probably the mound called el-Tell. Bethsaida was the hometown of Peter, Andrew, and Philip, and was the third primary location of Jesus' ministry after Jerusalem and Capernaum. It was on the spacious plain of Bethsaida where Jesus supernaturally fed 5,000 men (*Matthew 14:15-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:5-13*). Jesus condemned Bethsaida for rejecting him and his miracles (*Matthew 11:20-24, Luke 10:13-16*).

If time permits, we drive from Bethsaida to our eighth stop at the archaeological site of **Kursi National Park** located on the eastern shore of Lake Galilee at the foothills of the Golan Heights and looks west across Lake Galilee to Magdala. It is the possible site where Jesus cast demons out of wild demonized men and sent the demons into a herd of pigs (*Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39*). Although the exact location is disputed, this event of Jesus took place in the country of the Gergesenes/Gadarenes/Gerasenes on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. The name is derived from either the ancient towns of Gergesa, Gadara, or Gerasa. At Kursi, a large Byzantine church and monastery built in the 400s was excavated. From Kursi, we reverse our direction back around Lake Galilee and return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and spend the night (Ron Beach Hotel, Phone: 972-4- 6791350).



Temple Mount, Jerusalem

#### Mar 13 Mon Lake Galilee and Northern Galilee.

After breakfast, we take a **boat ride on Lake Galilee**. After our boat ride, we drive 25 miles to visit **Caesarea Philippi** in northern Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was the thriving capital of the region of Herod Philip at the headwaters of the Jordan River. It was originally called Paneas because it was here the god Pan and other pagan gods were worshipped. Herod the Great built a white marble temple here to the Roman emperor. Caesarea Philippi is located along the highway to Damascus to Tyre and Sidon (*Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30*). It was here that Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah (*Matthew 16:13*). Caesarea Philippi is located at the foothills of Mount Hermon, which is probably the location of Jesus' transfiguration (*Matthew 17:1, Mark 9:2, Luke 9:28*).

We depart Caesarea Philippi and journey back down the western shore of Lake Galilee visiting the primary places we visited the day before. We have **free time** at the different locations of Jesus' ministry to walk, explore, pray, and reflect. Returning to our hotel for dinner and spend the night (Ron Beach Hotel, Phone: 972-4- 6791350).

#### Mar 14 Tue From Galilee to Jerusalem.

After breakfast, we depart **Tiberias** and drive 75 miles down the Jordan River Valley to the **traditional baptismal site of John the Baptist** called Qasr el-Yehud. Dr. Jackson and Pastor Wright will baptize those who would like to be baptized or experience a baptism renewal in the Jordan River. From Qasr el-Yehud, we drive six miles to visit **Jericho**. Departing Jericho we drive 15 miles up a steep road to the **Mount of Olives** and arrive in **Jerusalem**. The geographical context of Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan is located on this steep climb through the Judea Wilderness. On our arrival, we drive to the **Israel Museum** to see a model of New Testament Jerusalem and original sections of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We have dinner and spend the night in Jerusalem (Olive Grove Hotel).

#### Mar 15 Wed Bethlehem and Tour of Jerusalem.

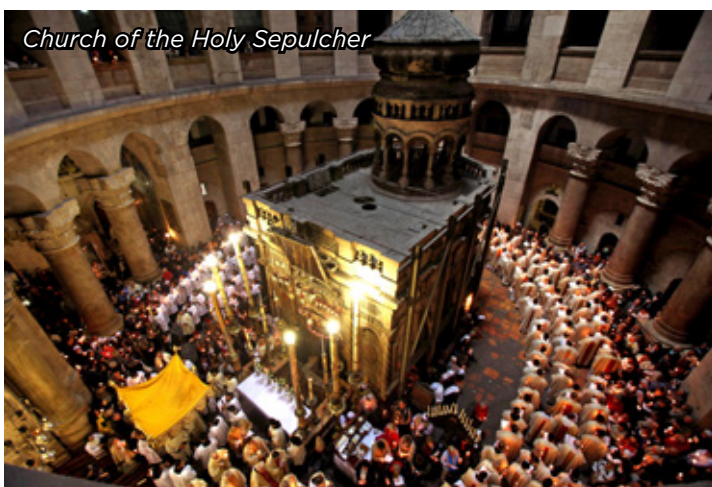
After breakfast, we drive six miles to **Bethlehem**, where we visit the Church of the Nativity, the Shepherd's field, and the Bethlehem Bible College. Returning to Jerusalem, our tour includes the **Temple Mount** and the **Western Wall**. If time permits, we also visit the **Pools of Siloam** (*John 9:1-12*) and **Bethesda** (*John 5:2-9*). Once our official guided tour is finished, we have **free time** to explore the Old City of Jerusalem as couples or in small groups. There will be an optional trip to Had Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. After returning to our Jerusalem hotel for dinner, there will be an optional opportunity to watch the "Nighttime Experience" at Tower of David Museum (Olive Grove Hotel, Phone: ----- ).

#### Mar 16 Thu Tour of Jerusalem.

After breakfast, we start our Jerusalem tour at the town of **Bethany**—the home of Mary and Martha—located on the **Mount of Olives**. We walk down to visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** (*Matthew 26:36, Mark 14:32; Luke 22:39; John 18:1*). We drive to the **house of High Priest Caiaphas** where Jesus was condemned, and then go to **King Herod the Great's Palace** (*next to the Tower of David Museum*). Here we read about the trial of Jesus before Pontius Pilate. We walk to the **Church of Holy Sepulcher**, which is the authentic site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. We make a short visit to the traditional sites of Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb. Once our official guided tour is finished, we have **free time** to explore the Old City of Jerusalem as couples or in small groups. We return to our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and prepare for our departure the next morning (Olive Grove Hotel).

#### Mar 17 Fri Departure.

After breakfast, we drive 42 miles from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv Airport (around one hour) to depart for our home country, or fly to Turkey for the PASTOR tour extension.



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### INCLUDING

- Round-trip international flights between USA - Tel Aviv TLV
- 1 Night at Metropolitan Hotel in (*north of Netanya*)
- 3 Nights in Ron Beach Hotel (*Tiberias*)
- 3 Nights in Olive Tree Hotel (*Jerusalem*)
- Daily open buffet breakfasts
- 1 lunch (*St. Peters fish Lunch on March 13*)
- 7 Dinners at the hotels
- All group airport-hotel and hotel-airport transfers
- Transportation by private A/C bus throughout tour
- English speaking official Israeli guide throughout the tour
- All entry fees to the sites and museums
- Tips to the hotel and restaurant staff
- Tips for the Israeli guide and driver
- Service charges and local taxes

### EXCLUDING

- Lunches and drinks (*including bottled water*)
- Travel and health insurances (*all kind of insurances*)
- Personal and pharmaceutical expenses
- Extra transportation needs

### PAYMENT PROCEDURE

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT**  
**FULL PAYMENT**

**: \$400 per person July 4, 2022**  
**: December 5, 2022**

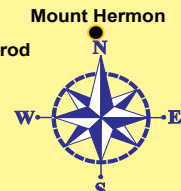
**Cancellation Penalty**

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