



# The FOOTSTEPS of JESUS EXPERIENCE



## A Spiritual Adventure in the Holy Land

The Footsteps of Jesus Experience is a unique two-week journey to the places where Jesus lived, made disciples, built a spiritual family, and fulfilled his mission. We focus on the historically verifiable sites from Jesus' life and the spiritual impact these can have on us personally. The trip begins by exploring the social setting of the Gospels in and around Jerusalem, Judea, and the Dead Sea. Then we follow the course of Jesus' life from his birth in the city of

Bethlehem, to the Sea of Galilee where he called his disciples, to the far north of Israel, and then back to Jerusalem for the climactic conclusion of our journey to mark Jesus' last days there.

Each day will begin with time for prayer and Scripture-reading based on our itinerary that day. We will visit the sites with the greatest historical significance that illuminate the biblical account of Jesus' life. At each site we will offer an overview of the history and archeology and then conclude with a time of biblical reflection, sharing, and prayer. Each day we will pause at a meaningful place for worship and teaching. The evenings will alternate between opportunities for processing in small groups and free time.

The group will be limited to 22 people so we can get to know each other and facilitate more flexible movement. We will stay in Christian guesthouses within the ancient walled city of Jerusalem, in the Old City of Nazareth, and on the peaceful shores of the Sea of Galilee. We visit many sites by foot, so participants need to be physically fit and able to walk up to 7 miles a day in warm weather, including hills and stairs.

Before departure you will have the chance to participate in a 12-session online preparatory course introducing the biblical history and archaeology of the sites we will be visiting, using lots of visual images. The course includes an extensive handbook with hundreds of maps, plans, charts, and site reconstructions, which will become your reference guide for the trip. This book also includes reflection questions on key Scriptures related to the sites we will be visiting each day and space to do some journaling.

Our trip leaders are John Walker, an experienced pastor who has been to the Holy Land many times and leads Footsteps pilgrimages regularly, and Tom Schiefer, a pastor who has recently been trained to lead Footsteps trips. The cost of the trip is \$3550 per person double or triple occupancy, not including airfare to Tel Aviv. This includes all your meals and expenses during the trip.

This is not a tour; it is a spiritual pilgrimage. Many people who have taken this journey with us over the last 30 years have called it the trip of a lifetime. It is certainly an unforgettable experience that will profoundly shape your reading of the Gospels and your walk with Jesus. Go to [www.footsteps-experience.com](http://www.footsteps-experience.com) for more information and testimonials. If you are interested in joining us, contact Bob Rognlien right away at [bobrognlien@gmail.com](mailto:bobrognlien@gmail.com) to confirm availability. Space is limited, so if you are feeling led to join us on this spiritual adventure, fill out your application and make a non-refundable \$950 deposit by check, direct deposit, PayPal or credit card as soon as possible at <http://footsteps-experience.com/register>.

*(See next page for dates and daily itinerary)*



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With John Walker and Tom Schiefer

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## Daily Itinerary

- Friday, June 12:** Depart for Tel Aviv, arrive by 10:00 AM on Saturday (June 13), stay in Old City
- Saturday, June 13:** Jesus' World, Herodians, Sadducees, and Pharisees: introduction to Jerusalem, Temple Mount, Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Sunday, June 14:** Jesus' World, Romans, Essenes, and Zealots: Qumran, Scroll Caves, Masada, Dead Sea
- Monday, June 15:** Jesus' Birth: Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Shepherds' Fields, and Herodium Fortress
- Tuesday, June 16:** Jesus' Baptism and Temptation: River Jordan, Jesus' Baptism site, Wadi Kelt, St. George's Monastery, Wilderness of Judea
- Wednesday, June 17:** Jesus' Home: Jordan Valley, Nazareth Village, House of Mary, Church of the Annunciation, House of Joseph
- Thursday, June 18:** Jesus' Family: Mount Precipice, Sepphoris, Cana of Galilee, Cliffs of Arbel, stay at Sea of Galilee
- Friday, June 19:** Jesus' Family: Capernaum, ancient Galilee Boat, boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, swimming in the lake
- Saturday, June 20:** Jesus' Mission Field: Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, Magdala, First-Century Synagogue, swimming in the lake
- Sunday, June 21:** Jesus' Mission Field: Bethsaida, Hippos, Chorazin, swimming in the lake
- Monday, June 22:** Jesus' Retreats: Gamla, Caesarea Philippi, Banias Waterfalls, return to Jerusalem
- Tuesday, June 23:** Jesus' Triumphal Entry: Bethany, Lazarus' Tomb, Mt. of Olives, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Pools of Bethesda
- Wednesday, June 24:** Jesus' Teaching and Healing in Jerusalem: Temple Mount, Southern Temple Excavations, Western Wall Tunnel, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam, return via Herodian Street
- Thursday, June 25:** St Peter in Gallicantu, Palace of Herod, Tower of David Museum, Passover dinner
- Friday, June 26:** Jesus' Crucifixion & Resurrection: Via Dolorosa, Golgotha, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Easter Service at Herodian Family Tomb, closing dinner, depart Tel Aviv
- Saturday, June 27:** Arrive home!

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