

# The Holy Land

## a Walk to Emmaus



## First Baptist Church of Conroe

With Dr. Berger and Aviv Herzlich

October 30 - November 10, 2022

Jaffa  
Mt. Tabor  
Tel Dan & Caesarea Philippi  
Sea of Galilee  
Samaria  
Jerusalem  
City of David  
Herodian Quarter  
Western Wall Tunnels  
The Herodium  
Emmaus - Tel Gezer  
Tel Arad & Be'er Sheva

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*Peter performed a miracle in Jaffa -  
The resurrection of Tabitha, a woman  
known for her virtue, with the words  
"Tabitha, rise!" (Acts 9).*

Jaffa, Israel



**Dear Friends,**

It's amazing to think that the most important events in human history—the events that brought us salvation—took place in a tiny nation on the other side of the world. We read the stories in our Bibles and rejoice at our God and His amazing grace. Eight years ago, I was fortunate enough to visit Israel for myself, and I was amazed at how much more vivid those stories became! Since then, I have come to believe that any Christian who is able should travel to the Holy Land. This world is full of great destinations, but there is nothing quite like seeing the places where Jesus walked. You will never forget visiting places like Caesarea Philippi, where Peter first proclaimed Jesus as Messiah; the Sea of Galilee, site of so many miracles; and most of all, the majestic Old City of Jerusalem.



My second trip to Israel was in February of 2020, with St Cecilia Tours. They provide an amazing experience in a way that is much more affordable than most tour groups. Their tour guide is Aviv Herzlich, a native of Israel. Aviv is highly knowledgeable about Scripture, Christian doctrine, and the history and current situation of Israel. He is also a compelling communicator, who leads with kindness, compassion, and humor. He and I work well together, offering much more than just a tour. If you were part of our earlier trip, you will see new sites this time. If you've always wanted to visit the Holy Land, this would be a great trip to take. Either way, I hope you'll sign up soon, as this trip is likely to fill up fast!

**Dr. Jeff Berger, Pastor**



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## Sunday, Oct. 30 , 2022

Our journey begins as we board our overnight flight from Houston to Tel Aviv.

## Monday, Oct. 31

After arriving in **Tel Aviv**, our driver Moshe, will take us to the Markethouse Hotel in **Jaffa**.

## Tuesday, Nov. 1

We meet Aviv after breakfast, and we begin our tour of the historical and Biblical seaport of **Jaffa**. We then head north to **Mt. Tabor**, one of the possible sites of the Transfiguration of Jesus. We check into our hotel, Nof Ginosar, by the **Sea of Galilee**, have dinner and conclude the day with a devotional by the lake. [B,D]



## Wednesday, Nov. 2

Today, we will visit several Biblical locations around the Sea of Galilee. We begin the day in **Cursi**, the site of the miracle when Jesus cast demons out of a man and into the swine. From there we go to **Corazin**, a town at the time of Jesus which was scolded by him for its unbelief. We will also stop on the shores of **Tabgah**, where Jesus fed thousands with a few fish and loaves. We conclude our day at **Mt. Arbel** where we will learn of its troubled history. After, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,L,D]

## Thursday, Nov. 3

We start our day by driving north to the ancient city of **Kedesh**, which served as the main camp for the Israelites during their wandering in the Zin Desert, (Deut. 1:46.) We visit **Tel Dan**, the northernmost city of Israel in the Old Testament. At Tel Dan we are transported thousands of years back and walk through the same gates and streets used by **Abraham** and **Lot**. Across the road from Tel Dan, we see and learn of the history of **Caesarea Philippi**, after which we will visit a local winery. We return back to our hotel by the **Sea of Galilee** for dinner and overnight. [B,L,D]







### Friday, Nov. 4

We head towards Jerusalem, stopping in **Jericho** to see the archeological excavations of the incredible city that fell to **Joshua** and the Israelites. We also visit a Hebrew farmer who grows traditional herbs including the Balsamon Tree. He will teach us how the Balm in **Gilead** was used. We continue to our hotel in **Jerusalem** where we will stay for the duration of our tour. [B,L]



### Saturday, Nov. 5

We begin our day in the old **City of David**. This is an active excavation site of the **Jerusalem** that Jesus would have known. We walk through the tunnels of **Hezekiah**, and end up by the **Pool of Siloam**, where Jesus told the blind man to wash himself and his sight was restored. We visit the Davidsson Center before we walk through the **Herodian Quarter** and see the **Burnt House**. [B]



### Sunday, Nov. 6

Today we enjoy a full free-day in Jerusalem. We highly recommend seeing the **Israel Museum, Davidson Center**, or the **Machne Yehuda market**. [B]



### Monday, Nov. 7

We head to the low lands of **Judea** and visit **Emmaus**, where Jesus appeared to two disciples following his resurrection. We continue to the archeological and Biblical town of **Tel Gezer**, where we will peel back history. We continue our excursion to Old Testament town of **Tel Lachish**. [B,L]



### Tuesday, Nov. 8

Our first stop today is the **Herodium**, where we will learn of the incredible palace built by Herod. Afterwards we travel south to **Tel Arad** which sports a well preserved Israelite temple patterned after the **Temple of Solomon** in Jerusalem. Our final stop today is **Be'er Sheva**, where **Abraham** and **Abimelech** settled their differences over a well of water. [B,L]



### Wednesday, Nov. 9

We spend the last full day in Jerusalem exploring the tunnels under the **Western Wall**, which allows us to see the construction of the Temple from various generations. We will also visit **Christ Church, the Armenian Church**, and the **Tower and David Museum**. We celebrate our tour with a group dinner at our hotel. [B,D]

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### Thursday, Nov. 10

We drive to the airport for our flight home to Houston.