

# 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 and ministered. The trip begins by exploring the Old Testament roots and the social setting of the Gospels in and around Jerusalem, Judea, and the Dead Sea. Then we follow the course of Jesus’ life from the city of Bethlehem, to the Sea of Galilee, to the north of Israel, and back to Jerusalem for the climactic conclusion of our journey.

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 worship, processing in small groups, and free time.

The group will be limited to 22 people so we can get to know each other and to facilitate more flexible movement. We will stay in Christian guesthouses within the ancient walled city of Jerusalem 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 3-5 miles a day up hills in warm weather.

Before departure you will have the chance to participate in an eight-session online preparatory course introducing the biblical history and archaeology of the sites we will be visiting. 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 leader is Bob Rognlien, a pastor, teacher and guide with nearly 30 years’ experience. Bob has lived in Jerusalem and conducted post-graduate studies in the archaeology and sociology of Jesus’ life. The cost of the trip is \$2450 per person, 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 20 years have called it the trip of a lifetime. It is certainly an unforgettable experience that will profoundly shape your reading of the Gospels. Go to [www.footsteps-experience.com](http://www.footstepsofjesus-experience.com) for more information. If you are interested in joining us, contact Bob Rognlien at [pastorbob@lcs.net](mailto:pastorbob@lcs.net). Space is limited, so if you are feeling led to join us on this spiritual adventure, send a non-refundable deposit check for \$450 made out to “God Experience” to Bob Rognlien at 21319 Evalyn Ave, Torrance, CA 90503 or pay online at <http://footstepsofjesus-experience.eventbrite.com/>.

*(see next page for daily itinerary)*

# THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS EXPERIENCE 2014 ITINERARY

- Friday, May 9: Depart for Tel Aviv
- Saturday, May 10: Arrive Tel Aviv PM, stay in Old City of Jerusalem, evening visit to Holy Sepulcher and Western Wall
- Sunday, May 11: The World of Jesus, Sadducees and Pharisees: Jerusalem Museum, Temple Mount, Mount of Olives (Abraham and Issac)
- Monday, May 12: The World of Jesus, Essenes & Zealots: Wilderness of Judea, Qumran, Masada, swim in the Dead Sea (Joseph)
- Tuesday, May 13: The Birth of Jesus: Bethlehem, Shepherds' Fields, and Herodium (David)
- Wednesday, May 14: Jesus' Baptism and Temptation: River Jordan, Wadi Kelt, St. George's Monastery
- Thursday, May 15: Jesus' Home in Galilee: Nazareth Village, Church of the Annunciation, Sepphoris, Cliffs of Arbel, stay at the Sea of Galilee
- Friday May 16: Jesus' Headquarters: Capernaum, ancient Galilee Boat, a boat trip on the lake
- Saturday, May 17: Jesus' Mission Field: Tabgha, Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, Mount of Beatitudes, Primacy of Peter
- Sunday, May 18: Jesus' Mission Field: Chorazin, Bethsaida, Kursi, Hippos
- Monday, May 19: Jesus' Retreats: Gamla, Caesarea Philippi, Baniyas Waterfalls, return to Jerusalem
- Tuesday, May 20: Jesus' Triumphal Entry: Bethany, Lazarus' Tomb, Mt. of Olives, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit
- Wednesday, May 21: Jesus' Teaching and Healing in Jerusalem: Temple Mount, Pools of Bethesda & Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel, return via Herodian Street or Hakeldema and Hinnom Valley
- Thursday, May 22: Jesus' Last Supper & Trials: Upper Room, St Peter in Gallicantu, Garden of Gethsemane, Wohl Museum, Palace of Herod, Passover dinner
- Friday, May 23: Jesus' Crucifixion & Resurrection: Via Dolorosa, Golgotha, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Easter Service at Herodian Family Tomb, closing dinner, depart Tel Aviv on evening flight
- Saturday, May 24: Arrive home!

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