

A wonderful tour in the footsteps of Jesus to the

# Holy Land

Led by Pastor Anthony and Adele Smith

Thursday 12th - Saturday 21st November 2020



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When I visited the Holy Land a few years ago it left a deep impression on me and brought a freshness to the Bible stories I had learnt from childhood. If you are able to join us I am sure it will be not only a great time of fun and fellowship but also it cannot fail to make a deep spiritual impact on you. It will undoubtedly bring the Bible to life!



The programme we are following is carefully planned so that we visit the key sites whilst leaving space for group and personal reflection.

I do hope you will consider joining us for what will be a memorable time.

Anthony Smith (Pastor Holmer Green Baptist Church)

### **Thursday**

We leave London on a direct morning flight to Tel Aviv, where we will be met on arrival for transfer to our hotel in Nazareth. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

### **Friday**

We visit Nazareth where we see a church built around Mary's Well, and Jesus' reputed childhood home (at the Church of the Annunciation) and Nazareth Village (depicting life in the time of Jesus), continue to the Mount of the Precipice (believed by some to be where Jesus was taken by the angry crowd after preaching at the Nazareth Synagogue) – from which we view the Jezreel Valley, the Biblical location for Armageddon. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

### **Saturday**

Passing Mount Tabor (a possible site of the Transfiguration) we continue to Tiberias to visit the 2000 year old "Jesus Boat" at a nearby kibbutz, and then sail across the Sea of Galilee on a replica of this boat - pausing for worship. St Peter's Fish lunch. We visit sites associated with Jesus' ministry: Kursi (the Gadarene swine); Magdala (home of Mary Magdalene and once a prosperous fishing village); Capernaum (Jesus' home town, with its ancient synagogue and Peter's house); and Tabgha (possible site of the feeding of the 5000, and

of a lakeside resurrection appearance of Jesus). Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

### **Sunday**

This morning we visit the Mount of Beatitudes (the setting for the Sermon on the Mount) where we have a time of quiet reflection. We travel south visiting the Baptismal site at Qaser el-Yahud en route to Jericho - where we recall the temptation of Jesus, and reflect on Jesus' encounters with Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus. We continue through the Wadi Kelt (possibly the inspiration for the "Valley of the Shadow of Death") where we see St George's Monastery across the valley. As we draw close to Jerusalem, we visit Bethany, the site of Lazarus' tomb. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

### **Monday**

Visit Herodian (one of Herod's many palaces, believed to have contained Herod's tomb); continue to the Shepherds' Fields; and the Church of the Nativity. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

### **Tuesday**

At the start of the day we trace the Palm Sunday path down from the Mount of Olives into the city, pausing at the Dominus Flavit church (recalling Jesus weeping over Jerusalem). We see Gethsemane, where we

will celebrate communion, and have time for quiet reflection. We walk part of the “Last Path” (through the Kidron valley), and visit the church of St Peter in Gallicantu (reputedly where Peter denied Jesus, the site of Caiaphas’ House). We look across the Gehinnom valley, and reflect on the implications of this for Jesus’ teaching on judgement. We end the day with a walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel carved out of solid rock to bring water into the city in 716 B.C. It’s wet and dark, but great fun. The tunnel comes out at the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus told the blind man to wash his eyes and he would see.

Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

### **Wednesday**

Entering the Old City, we cross the Temple Mount to the Pool of Bethesda (where Jesus healed a crippled man). We then follow part of the Via Dolorosa (the approximate route Jesus took to his death on the cross). We see flagstones thought to be from the Antonia Fortress (the Roman barracks, where Jesus was tried); on these can be seen an engraving known as the King Game, perhaps related to the mocking of Jesus. At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we see the traditional site of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. We visit a possible location of the Upper Room at St Mark’s Syrian Church, and the Burnt House – an ancient priestly house from the time of Jesus. Visit the Western Wall Tunnel.

Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

### **Thursday**

We visit the Model of Jerusalem and the Israel Museum to see the “Shrine of the Book”. We end the afternoon viewing Gordon’s Calvary, and with quiet reflection and communion at the Garden Tomb (possible alternative locations for Jesus’ death and resurrection).

Our evening meal will be a Messianic form of the Passover meal.

Overnight in Bethlehem.

### **Friday**

We take a “day out” to visit the desert area south-east of Jerusalem. We drive along the shore of the Dead Sea (the lowest place on the earth’s surface), Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, possibly associated with John the Baptist; visit Masada, Herod’s hilltop fortress and Ein Gedi, scene of David’s pursuit by Saul. Finally, we have the opportunity to “float” in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

### **Saturday**

This morning we visit the Holocaust Museum before travelling to Tel Aviv for our flight home to London Luton.

*Itinerary subject to change*

### **Price £1620**

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- Return flights from London Luton to Tel Aviv with easyJet
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