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About Your Instructor... **Mark Ziese, Ph.D.**

Discovering the place where faith begins is a passion for Mark Ziese. This experiential quest is at the center of his work as a Field Instructor with the

Jerusalem Center of Biblical Studies, his archaeological excavations in the Middle East, and his regular engagement with college and seminary students.

Mark has been studying, speaking, and writing on matters related to the Bible and its world since 1984. He was named a Fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem in 2011.

Learn more about Mark at his website at:
www.biblelandexplorer.com.

ITINERARY

February 16: Travel day

Depart the USA on an overnight international flight.

February 17: Amman, Mount Nebo, Madaba

Welcome to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan! Upon arrival in Amman, collect your belongings, meet your guide and driver, and go for a relaxing walk and a vista from the heights of Mount Nebo. Continue to Madaba for dinner and overnight.

February 18: Jerash, Church of St. George, Worship with Local Believers in Madaba

Rise and shine and travel to Jerash on this first full day of touring. Walk the roads of one of the best-preserved Greco-Roman sites in the East. Return to Madaba and visit the Church of St. George, where a famous map of the Holyland, the Madaba Mosaic, is preserved. Afterward, meet with local believers, learn about their ministry in Jordan, and worship together. Overnight in Madaba.

February 19: Petra, Wadi Rum

In the morning hours, travel to the site of Petra, a site carved from stone as old as time itself. Ride a carriage or walk into this Nabatean capital. In the evening, continue to the Wadi Rum. "Glamp" overnight in the desert. Enjoy the campfire, the stars overhead, the sand underfoot, and an unforgettable night in an austere landscape.

February 20: Border Cross, Wadi Aravah, Masada, Dead Sea

Cross the international border from Jordan to Israel and ride up the Wadi Aravah. Reach Masada, a spectacular mountain fortress of Herod the Great, and take a cable car to the top of this mountain mesa. Look down from impressive fortifications upon the remains of the Roman camps and consider the incredible story of this place. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and go for a swim in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Ein Boqueq.

February 21: Qumran, Jordan River, Jericho, Mount of Olives

Drive by Qumran and learn about the Dead Sea Scrolls and the people likely responsible for writing them. Experience the Jordan River, where John the Baptist ministered and Jesus was baptized. Continue to Jericho, where walls came tumblin' down. Drive uphill through the Wilderness of Judea to Jerusalem. There, stop for an afternoon vista from the summit of the Mount of Olives. Continue to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

February 22: Temple Mount, Western Wall, Davidson Center, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam

Return to Jerusalem, pass through its gates, and consider the role of this sacred place to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Visit the Temple Mount where YHWH's glorious temple once stood, and Muslims continue to pray today. Experience the Western Wall, a place of meditation and celebration. In the Davidson Center, walk up the stairs that Jesus and the Apostles undoubtedly traveled as they visited the temple. Go underground at the city



of David excavations and witness Jerusalem's earliest remains, including several monumental structures. Explore a network of underground water systems (conditions permitting) that terminate in the Pool of Siloam. Return to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

February 23: Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Shepherds' Field, Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem Bible College

Begin this day by walking into the Old City of Jerusalem and visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Archaeology and tradition suggest that this is the place to celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Explore other aspects of Jerusalem's Old City in the morning hours. Visit the Israel Museum and see a Second Temple Period model of Jerusalem. Travel to Bethlehem for lunch and then a visit to the Shepherds' Field, where the good news of our Savior's birth was first heard, and the Church of the Nativity, the likely place where Jesus was born.

February 24: Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Magdala, Nof Ginosar, Boat Ride

Bus up the Lower Jordan Valley to the Sea of Galilee. Discover sites associated with the ministry of Jesus, including Capernaum and the Mount of Beatitudes. Visit Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene, and consider this impressive site in the context of the fishing industry from the first century. At nearby Nof Ginosar, see a first-century fishing vessel before boarding a boat of your own! Enjoy a special time of worship on the water. Afterward, drive to Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

February 25: Tel Hazor, Nazareth's Old City, & Fellowship with the Local Church

In the morning hours, travel north to the largest archaeological site in the country, Tel Hazor. View Canaanite and Israelite elements of the site that reach back into the Bronze and Iron Ages. In the afternoon, visit the Church of the Annunciation, built over the boyhood home of Jesus. Stroll through the shops of modern Nazareth before returning to the hotel to clean up and rest. In the evening, participate in a worship service and share a meal with local believers.

February 26: Nazareth Village, Megiddo, Caesarea

On this last day of your tour, take a step back in time at Nazareth Village, a re-creation of the hometown of Jesus. Continue to Megiddo, an Old Testament-era fortress that guarded the crossroads of the country. Continue to the Mediterranean shore and explore Caesarea-by-the-Sea, a city erected as the imperial center for the Roman government. Its harbor, theater, and marbled streets signal the arrival of foreign occupation in the Heartland and, not surprisingly, the beginning point for Christianity in the Gentile world. Return to Nazareth for packing, dinner, and relaxing. Transfer to Tel Aviv for an overnight flight to the USA.

February 27

Return home with memories to last a lifetime!

Note: The itinerary is subject to change per guide due to local conditions.



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

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Departure City: Nashville, TN Departure Date: 02/16/24 (Z)

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2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
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Guest 2 Signature:

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INCLUDED IN PRICE: Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Driver Gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

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