



# The Biblical Life of Jesus in Israel

## With Doc and Kate Smith

### November 29 - December 8, 2027

**YOUR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

**Day 1, Leave LAX, Monday, November 29, 2027**

– Depart from **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)** for Israel. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

**Day 2, Arrive In Israel, Tuesday Evening, November 30, 2027**

– Arrive in **Tel Aviv, Israel**. Settle in to our hotel. Walk to the **Mediterranean Sea** for a talk about the spread of the Gospel to the Gentiles and our responsibility to “go and tell!” (D)

**Day 3, Tel Aviv to Galilee, Wednesday, December 1, 2027**

– Breakfast in the hotel, off to **Caesarea** where Paul made his defense of the Gospel to King Herod Agrippa II, Bernice, Governor Porcius Festus, Jewish Leaders and his accusers. This was a massive port project built by King Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BCE. On to **Nazareth**, home of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Here Jesus was rejected and we will explore the cliffs where He was almost thrown off. On to **Zippori**, a Gentile city on the other side of the mountain where Joseph and Jesus would have worked from time to time. Into **Cana** where we will see a huge stone water pot like the ones Jesus turned into wine! Shopping and some wine tasting for those who partake before we go to dinner in our Hotel in the **Galilee**.(B/D)

**Day 4, Galilee/North Shore, Thursday, December 2, 2027**

– We start the day in **Magdala**, the home of Mary who was possessed by seven demons. We will see the community, the synagogue, and discuss how we can be free from the power of the devil. On to **Taghba**, where Jesus fed 5,000 men with just five loaves and two fish by the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Here we discover the fact that God can supply all of our needs. We continue to **The Gates of Hell (Banias)** where Peter professed Jesus as the Messiah King of Israel. We will see that whatever Jesus promised comes true. Then on to the Headquarters of Jesus’ earthly ministry in **Capernaum**. Walking the streets, entering the synagogue, looking down into Peter’s house all remind us the Bible is real life recorded for our encouragement. Not far away we will see the **Jesus Boat** at **(Ginosar)**. Dated from the 1<sup>st</sup> Century of Jesus’ time, we get a feel for the stories of the storms and the fishing and the call to discipleship. Then we will take our own **Boat Ride** and see the **North Shore of the Sea of Galilee** - where almost 80% of Jesus’ ministry happened! We will return to our hotel with two options for the evening: Option One is to go to the diamond cutting jewelry making factory (yes you can buy), and Option Two is to go to the **Tiberius Street Market at the Beach** in the evening and, for those who so desire, enjoy the best **Chinese Dinner** you can imagine **(on your own)**. Then back to our Hotel. (B/D)

**Day 5, Galilee/North Shore, Friday, December 3, 2027**

– Curses start our day as we visit **Corozim**, one of the cities Jesus spoke out of existence. Here we see that what Jesus declares becomes reality. We travel to **Kursi - Gerasenes (also known as the Gadarenes)**. Famous for Jesus casting the Legion of demons out of the man and into the pigs, we will be invigorated with the reality there is no power on Earth greater than our God! For those who would like to be baptized in the Jordan River as a declaration of their faith we travel to **Yardinet**. This is truly a highlight of the trip. Then we depart the Galilee, and head South to Gentile **Beit She'an**. This stop will help us understand Roman influence in the New Testament world and we will also get a peek into the book of Revelation here. Continuing South will explore **Jericho**, the famous location for the Israelite entrance into the Promised land by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of Exodus/Wilderness Israel. It was also a key city in the New Testament. Finally, on to dinner at our Hotel in **Jerusalem**. (B/D)

**Day 6, Bethlehem, Saturday, December 4, 2027**

– Today we will spend a whole day in Bethlehem! We start at the **Birthplace of Jesus (Nativity Church)**! This is one of the most sacred and intensely emotional places on Earth. We truly absorb the reality of Jesus’ humility to be born in a cave as a baby here so that He could die on a cross for our sin. On to the **Shepherd's Field** where God first announced the birth of Jesus! Then off to Herod’s Palace known as the **Herodium** This was a royal complex. The Herodium served as a palace, fortress, and possibly Herod’s mausoleum, It is also possibly the place where Herod entertained the Wise Men. SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES: While in Bethlehem we will have **lunch with Local Christian Families!** This will be a time to eat real local food and ask Bethlehemites questions about their lives. This will be a truly unique opportunity few have when they come to Israel, all especially arranged for you! From there we have a specially organized **Meet and Greet with Bethlehem Mayor Maher Canawati at The Three Arches Gift Shop**. Again, just for you, this seldom occurs to people who come. Hi Honor wishes to greet you and give you his heart of appreciation for coming. Then, we will do some shopping for quality gifts to take home for yourself, family and friends. If possible and scheduling allows, Bethlehem Mayor Maher Canawati has asked us to stay for the annual Lighting of the Bethlehem Christmas Tree. Again, this will be if possible and we will know as we get closer to the date. We will return to our hotel in Jerusalem. (B/D)



Price: \$4,598 per person  
based on double occupancy

**Included in the price:**

- Round-trip from Los Angeles International Airport (includes fuel surcharges and taxes)
- 8 nights in first class hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Airport-hotel transfers
- Hotel taxes & baggage handling
- Touring by Private Air Conditioned Motor coach
- Services of a Professional English-speaking Guide

**Not Included:**

- Tipping - approximately \$150 per person
- Lunches
- Optional Travel Insurance (recommended)
- Schengen visa, if any (strictly under own arrangement)
- If you require a Single Room - \$950



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Day 7, Jerusalem Sunday, December 5, 2027

– We start the day focusing on the Capital of the World: Jerusalem - as it was in Jesus’ day. We will explore the **Model of Jerusalem**, which shows us the locations of all the places we will visit while here. Then, off to the **Mount of Olives** so we can take time in the **Prayer Garden of Gethsemane**. This was Jesus’ favorite place in Jerusalem, most likely because it reminded Him of the Galilee. We will connect with God like Jesus did on so many occasions. Then off to the **Old City of David and the Pool of Siloam**. Now we are walking the streets with Jesus! Miracles, teachings, confrontations, transformations happened here! We head to lunch and shopping in the **Jewish Quarter (Menorah Square)**. The Menorah is a prominent symbol deeply tied to Jewish history and identity. This seven-branched lampstand is the oldest symbol of the Jewish people and was originally a sacred object in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. We will invest the rest of the day at the Western Wall seeing the **Western Wall Master Course Stones**, the **Western Wall Tunnel**, and having time for **Prayer At Western Wall**. One of the highlights of the trip is to walk on the **Southern Steps of the Second Temple!** We will literally be standing on the stones Jesus walked on! The breathtaking view of the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley wraps us into the days of the Gospels and the Last Days of our King before his execution. Then, back to dinner at our hotel in **Jerusalem**. (B/D)

Day 8, Jerusalem Monday, December 6, 2027

– Today is meant to stir our hearts to their full capacity as we focus on last hours of King Jesus on Earth. We will start on the **Temple Mount** where Jesus, on the day and night of Passover, would have participated in the sacred rituals at the Temple typical of the Jewish Passover celebration. This included the sacrifice of the Passover lamb, a central and mandatory practice where families chose a perfect lamb to be offered at the Temple as a symbolic act commemorating the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian slavery. Then to the **Upper Room** where The Twelve and others would have held the Passover Meal. We will visit **Pilate’s Palace** where the Governor would have resided during this event, the **Gabbatha Pavement** where Jesus, once condemned was tortured, stood trial before Pilate and the **Ecce Homo Arch** where Pilate made the public declaration of the tortured Jesus, “Behold The Man!” We will tour **Caiaphas’ house (Peter Galicanto)** and stand in the very courtyard where Peter denied Jesus three times, and see where Jesus was confined that night. Then on to the most solemn place on Earth, **Golgotha**, where our Lord was crucified for the sins of the world. We end our day at the **Compound of Joseph of Arimathea**. Joseph was a wealthy, respected member of the Jewish council (the Sanhedrin) who was also a secret disciple of Jesus, meaning he followed Jesus quietly out of fear of the Jewish leaders. He is the man who asked Pontius Pilate for permission to take Jesus’ body down from the cross after the crucifixion. And this is the place where he brought the body. The remains of the olive press still exist and, center to it all, is the **Garden Tomb** where he laid Jesus. While here we will enjoy a communion service and share some of our testimonies from our travels so far. We will return to our hotel in **Jerusalem**. (B/D)

Day 9, Masada Tuesday, December 7, 2027

– Our last day in Israel starts South of Jerusalem at **Masada**, the last ditch hold out against the Roman army’s final crushing blow against the Jewish rebellion of the AD 70s. This solemn location reminds every Jewish person in the Modern State of Israel, through their battle cry, *“Never again shall Masada fall!”* This phrase has become a powerful symbol of Jewish resistance, national pride, and the determination to never again surrender to oppression or defeat. It originates from the story of the siege of Masada (73–74 AD), where Jewish rebels, led by Eleazar ben Ya’ir, chose death over capture by the Romans, reflecting their resolve to die with honor and freedom. We then visit **Ein Gedi**, the famous falls where David hid from King Saul. Then on to **Qumran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will understand more about the transmission of the Old Testament to us and God’s desire to preserve His Word for us. We wrap up our day by enjoying a **Float in Dead Sea**, one of the most unique and calming experiences in the world! As we travel back to our hotel in **Jerusalem** we will celebrate our **Farewell Dinner** remembering that our Bible is real, our faith is grounded on facts, and Israel is the Capital of the Universe! (B/D)

Day 10, Los Angeles Wednesday, December 8, 2027

– Today our journey ends with good memories as we head home. Arrival the same day. (B)

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