



Israel

STUDY TOUR 2023: ITINERARY

“Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20

Come, spend 12 days in Jesus’s homeland, walking where He walked, seeing what He saw, eating what He ate. This is not just any Holy Land tour, rather this is a college level study tour with a mission, His Mission! You will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, studying His life and ministry so that you, His disciple, might continue His mission of making disciples who make disciples!

DEPARTURE TO ISRAEL:

Saturday, May 6 – Overnight flight from US city to Tel Aviv (Possible connecting flight in Europe).

Sunday, May 7 – Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel. Taxi ride to the Gloria Hotel in the Old City of Jerusalem.

DEPARTURE FROM ISRAEL:

Saturday, May 20 – Flight home from Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv (with possible connections in Europe and US).

Saturday, May 20 – Arrive back in US safely but transformed and ready to make disciples!

DAY 1

MAY 8TH

- *OPENING MEETING & ORIENTATION AT THE GLORIA HOTEL*

- *ISRAEL MUSEUM MODEL OF SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD JERUSALEM-
DEAD SEA SCROLL & EXHIBITION.*

- *MOUNT OF OLIVES- OVERVIEW OF JERUSALEM: FIRST CENTURY
AND TODAY.*

- *HERODIUM-FORTRESS- PALACE RUINS OF HEROD THE GREAT
OVERLOOKING BETHLEHEM.*

- *VALLEY OF ELAH/TEL AZEKAH- YOU WILL SEE THE SITE OF DAVID'S
DEFEAT OF GOLIATH.*



DAY 2

MAY 9TH

- **TEMPLE MOUNT**- TOUR THE FOUNDATION OF SOLOMON'S & HEROD'S TEMPLES.
- **POOL OF BETHESDA**- WHERE JESUS HEALED A PARALYTIC (JOHN 5:1-18).
- **WESTERN (WAILING) WALL**- A HOLY SITE FOR MODERN ORTHODOX JEWS AND THE CLOSEST PLACE A WORSHIPPING JEW CAN GET TO THE HISTORIC LOCATION OF THE TEMPLE'S HOLY OF HOLIES.
- **CITY OF DAVID MOVIE & HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL**- OPTIONAL WALK THROUGH THE 3000 YEAR OLD ENGINEERING MARVEL OF HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL. CONSTRUCTED TO DIVERT WATER FROM OUTSIDE THE WALLED CITY OF JERUSALEM INTO THE CITY (POOL OF SILDAM) DURING THE ASSYRIAN SIEGE OF JERUSALEM IN 701 B.C.



DAY 3

MAY 10TH

- **WALK WADI KELT** - A DOWNHILL HIKE/WALK FOLLOWING THE ANCIENT ROAD JESUS WOULD HAVE TRAVELED FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO.

- **JORDAN RIVER** - PUT YOUR FEET IN THE JORDAN RIVER AT THE TRADITIONAL BAPTISM SITE OF JESUS.

- **QUMRAN** - EXPLORE THE CAVES IN THE REGION THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE 1940S.



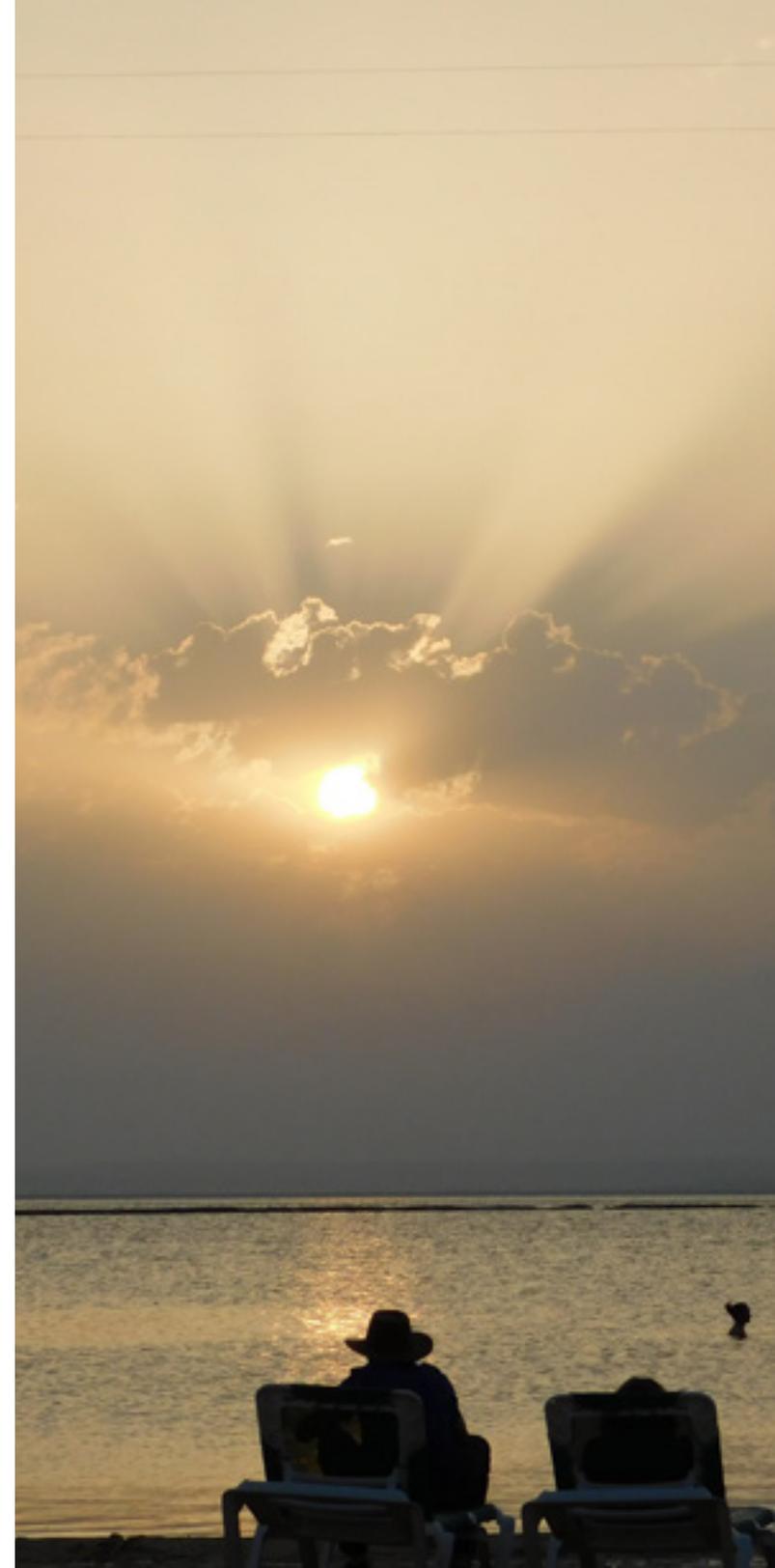
DAY 4

MAY 11TH

- **MASADA**- ANOTHER STRONGHOLD FOR DAVID, ANOTHER
FORTRESS/PALACE FOR HEROD THE GREAT, AND A LAST DESPERATE
DEFENSE FOR REBEL JEWS AGAINST ROME.

- **EIN GEDI**- A SPRING OASIS IN THE JUDEAN WILDERNESS WHERE
DAVID TOOK SHELTER WHEN PURSUED BY SAUL (1 SAMUEL 29FF).

- **DEAD SEA FLOAT**- SOAK OR FLOAT IN THE DENSE SALT-
SATURATED WATERS OF THE DEAD SEA.



DAY 5

MAY 12TH

- **SEPPHORIS**- ALTHOUGH NEVER MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE, SEPPHORIS IS A NEIGHBORING TOWN TO NAZARETH WHICH WAS BEING REBUILT IN THE EARLY FIRST CENTURY REQUIRING THE SERVICE AND SKILL OF NEARBY CARPENTERS!

- **NAZARETH VILLAGE**- STEP BACK IN TIME WITH THIS RE-CREATION OF WHAT SECTIONS OF FIRST CENTURY NAZARETH WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE.

- **NAZARETH PRECIPICE**- ALTHOUGH JESUS WAS NEARLY THROWN DOWN FROM THIS CLIFF OF HIS HOME TOWN (LUKE 4:16-30), ATOP THIS SITE YOU GET A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE JEZREEL VALLEY WHERE MANY OF THE BATTLES OF THE BIBLE TOOK PLACE.



DAY 6

MAY 13TH

- **BETHSAIDA**- JESUS PREACHED AND TAUGHT HERE AS WELL AS PERFORMED MIRACLES. MOST NOTABLY, JESUS FED A CROWD OF 5000 IN AN AREA NEAR THIS TOWN AND THEN WALKED ON WATER TO MEET HIS DISCIPLES ON THE SEA OF GALILEE.

- **CAPERNAUM**- THIS IS THE TOWN JESUS USED AS HIS "HEADQUARTERS" AFTER HE WAS REJECTED FROM HIS HOME TOWN IN NAZARETH.

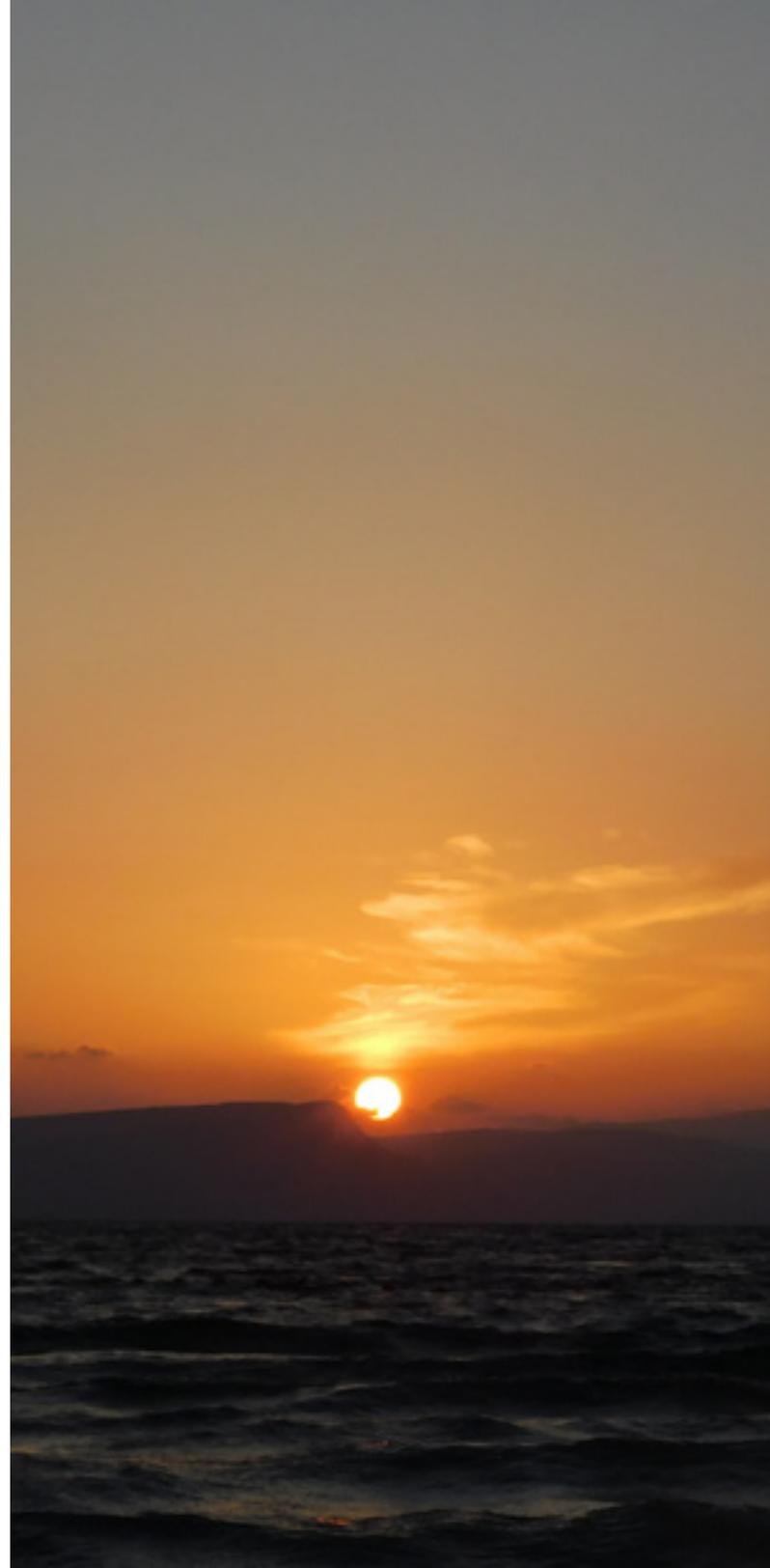
- **WALK DOWN MOUNT OF BEATITUDES**- THIS IS THE TRADITIONAL LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH JESUS'S FAMOUS TEACHING PRESERVED IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL KNOWN AS THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (MATT. 5-7).



DAY 7

MAY 14TH

- **MOUNT ARBEL**- THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN OVERLOOKING THE SEA OF GALILEE. FROM ITS SUMMIT YOU CAN SURVEY THE ENTIRETY OF THE GALILEAN REGION. THIS HIGH MOUNTAIN HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS THE LOCATION WHERE JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES THE GREAT COMMISSION.
- **MAGDALA**- A COSTAL TOWN ON THE SEA OF GALILEE WHERE JESUS LIKELY TAUGHT (MATT. 4:23-25), AND THE HOMETOWN OF MARY MAGDALENE (LK. 8:1-2).
- **GINNOSAR/JESUS BOAT**- IN 1985 DURING A SEVERE DROUGHT THIS FIRST CENTURY BOAT WAS DISCOVERED IN THE MUD ON THE SHORES OF GALILEE.
- **SEA OF GALILEE BOAT RIDE**- RIDE ACROSS THE SEA OF GALILEE WHERE PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN PLIED THEIR TRADE AS FISHERMEN.



DAY 8

MAY 15TH

- **ANCIENT CITY OF DAN**- SITUATED AS THE NORTHERN MOST CITY OF ANCIENT ISRAEL, DAN BECAME AN ISRAELITE CITY DURING THE CONQUEST LED BY JOSHUA. UNDER JEROBOAM'S RULE DAN BECAME A CITY THAT REPRESENTED THE IDOLATRY THAT LED THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL INTO ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY.

- **CAESAREA PHILIPPI**- JESUS TOOK HIS DISCIPLES HERE AND ASKED THEM, "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" SUBSEQUENTLY, PETER MADE HIS GREAT CONFSSION, "YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." (MATT. 16:13-23)

- **CHURCH OF THE PRIMACY**- A TRADITIONAL SIGHT ON THE SHORES OF THE SEA OF GALILEE WHERE SOME BELIEVE JESUS ACKNOWLEDGED PETER'S GREAT CONFSSION.



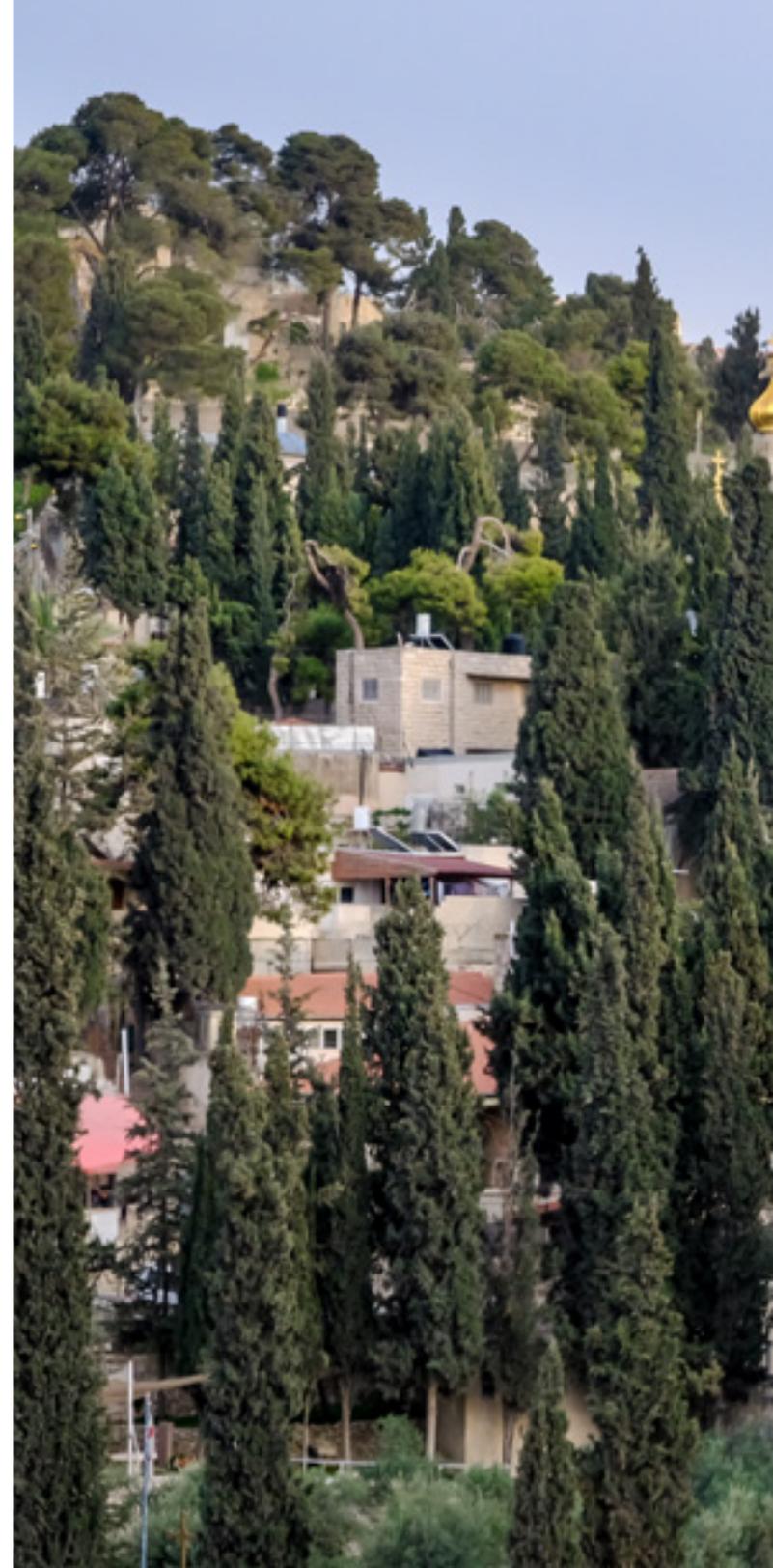
DAY 9

MAY 16TH

- **BETH SHEAN**- IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, KING SAUL WAS SLAIN NEAR HERE AND HIS BODY HUNG ON THE WALLS OF THIS IMPORTANT CITY (1 SAM. 31). DURING THE FIRST CENTURY THIS WAS A CHIEF CITY OF THE DECAPOLIS, AND JESUS WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY TRAVELED THROUGH HERE.

- **JERICO**- FAMOUSLY THE WALLS OF JERICO CAME DOWN DURING JOSHUA'S CONQUEST OF THE PROMISED LAND. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, JESUS TRAVELED THROUGH HERE OFTEN ON HIS WAY TO JERUSALEM. HE HEALED BLIND BARTIMAEUS (MK. 10) AND DINED WITH ZACCHAEUS HERE (LK. 19).

- **MOUNT OF OLIVES**- JESUS MOURNED OVER JERUSALEM'S STUBBORNNNESS ON PALM SUNDAY FROM THE SLOPES OF THIS HILL.



DAY 10

MAY 17TH

- UPPER ROOM- MARKS THE PLACES WHERE JESUS NOT ONLY SHARED HIS FINAL MEAL, AND WASHED HIS DISCIPLES FEET BUT WHERE HE ESTABLISHED THE NEW COVENANT PRACTICE OF COMMUNION.
- GETHSEMANE- LITERALLY MEANING "OIL PRESS", THIS GARDEN IS WHERE JESUS SURRENDERED HIS WILL TO THE FATHER'S WILL.
- CAIAPHAS'S HOUSE/ST. PETER IN GALlicantu- THIS IS WHERE JESUS STOOD TRIAL BEFORE CAIAPHAS AND THE SANHEDRIN AND PETER DENIED JESUS.
- WALK ALTERNATIVE VIA DOLOROSA- ONE OF THE POSSIBLE ROUTES JESUS TOOK ON HIS WAY TO BE CRUCIFIED.
- CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER- TRADITIONAL BURIAL SITE FOR JESUS.



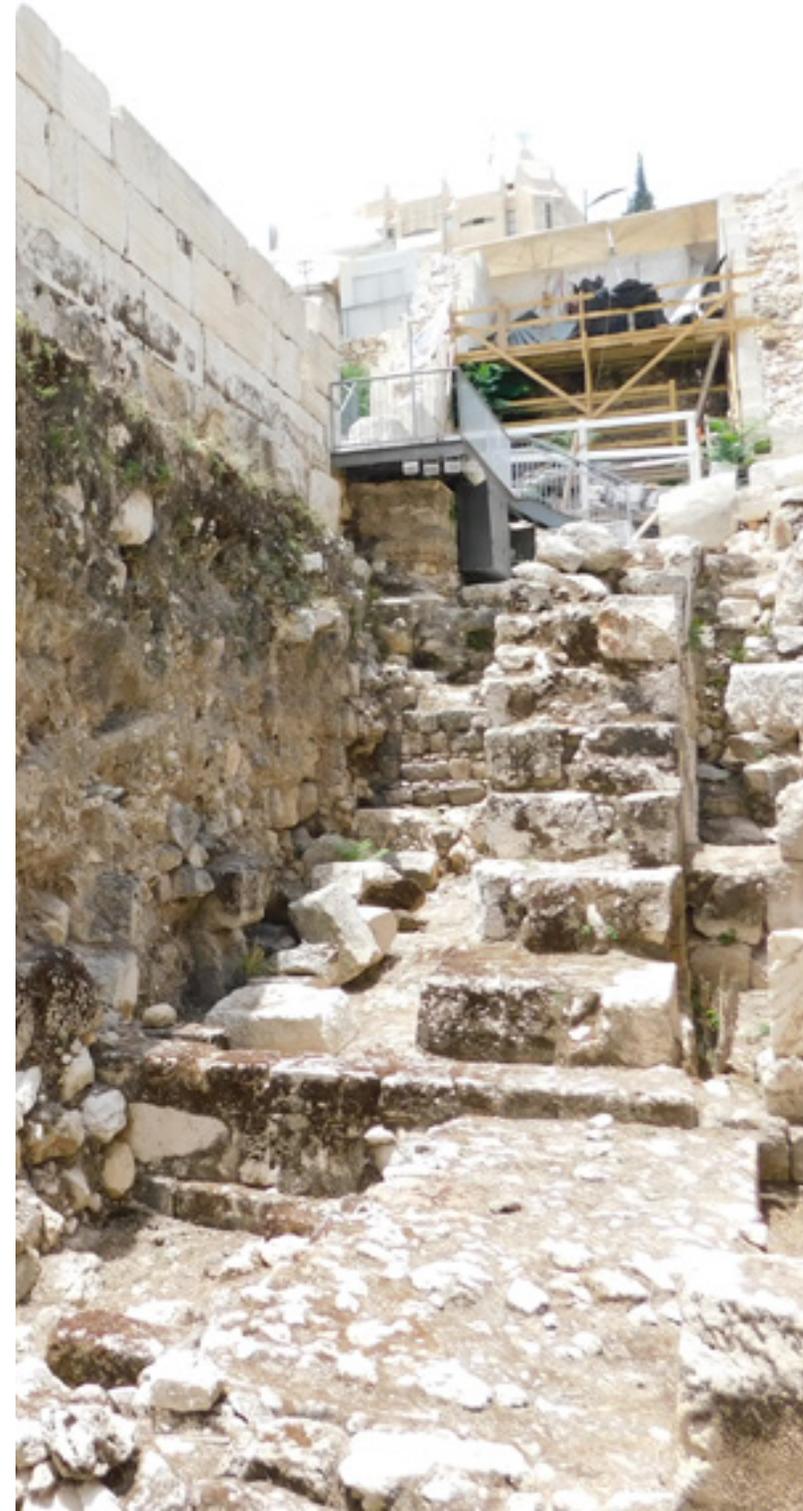
DAY 11

MAY 18TH

- **WHOL MUSEUM** - UNDER THE STREETS OF MODERN JERUSALEM, YOU WILL WALK THROUGH THE EXCAVATIONS OF FIRST CENTURY LIVING QUARTERS FOR WEALTHY RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

- **YAD V'SHEM (HOLOCAUST MUSEUM)** - A SOBERING LOOK AT GENOCIDE FROM THE EYES OF THOSE LEFT BEHIND.

- **REFLECTION TIME** - TAKE SOME PERSONAL TIME TO REFLECT ON THE DAY, ON THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE.



DAY 12

MAY 19TH

- **GARDEN TOMB**- A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR JESUS'S CRUCIFIXION AND BURIAL.
- **MOUNT OF OLIVES**- AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, JESUS'S FINAL ENCOUNTER WITH HIS DISCIPLES WAS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES WHERE THEY WATCHED HIM ASCEND TO THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER WITH THE PROMISE THAT ONE DAY HE WILL RETURN IN THE SAME MANNER.
- **SOUTHERN STEPS**- THE MAIN ENTRANCE INTO THE TEMPLE COMPLEX IN THE FIRST CENTURY.
- **HALF DAY FREE IN JERUSALEM**- EXPLORE, SHOP, REST, EAT, REFLECT, FELLOWSHIP!

