

*The Land of the Bible*  
*with Jon and Kelly Damon (Gateway Church)*  
*February 6-17, 2021*

**Day One: Saturday, Feb 6, 2021**

Depart Philadelphia for Israel. Meals and overnight: In flight.

**Day Two: Sunday, Feb 7, 2021**

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport in Israel. Transfer to the hotel near the Mediterranean coast for dinner and a good night's rest! Dinner and overnight: Tel Aviv area. D

**Day Three: Monday, Feb 8, 2021**

*Four Conflicts in the Background of the Gospels:* Highlighting example sites, this study focuses on four key conflicts in the background of Jesus' public ministry. Sites: Caesarea Maritima, Mt. Carmel, Valley of Armageddon, Zippori, Nazareth (cave homes). Overnight: Sea of Galilee area. B, D

**Day Four: Tuesday, Feb 9, 2021**

*Characteristics of the Disciples:* Using the four gospel accounts, we will investigate the hints on the background, education and theology of the disciples. Sites: Mt. Arbel, Magdala, Mt. Beatitudes, Capernaum, Ancient Boat exhibit, boat ride. Overnight: By the Sea of Galilee. B, D

**Day Five: Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021**

*Private Teachings for the Disciples:* Based on the five sermons in the Gospel according to Matthew, our focus will be on the common teaching style of the ancient rabbis. Sites: Tel Dan, Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi), overlook into Syria, Qatzrin (Talmudic Village). Overnight: By the Sea of Galilee. B, D

**Day Six: Thursday, Feb 11, 2021**

*The Perea Ministry of Jesus:* We will address the issues of the Perea Ministry, with particular examination of Luke 10-19, the "special section" of this account. Sites: Beth Shean, Jordan Valley, Jericho overlook, Qumran, Dead Sea. Anticipated arrival at the hotel about 3:00p. Overnight: Dead Sea spa hotel. B, D

**Day Seven: Friday, Feb 12, 2021**

*Hebrew Themes of the Wilderness:* From the desert storm of Habakkuk, to the salt covenant of David, various Biblical wilderness themes will be highlighted, and then "Up to Jerusalem". Sites: Masada, En Gedi. Overnight: Jerusalem. B,D

**Day Eight: Saturday, Feb 13, 2021**

*Messianic Expectations and Disappointments:* With a specific view of the history of "other Messiahs" we will discuss the expectations for the Messiah, and their relationship to the record of the preaching of Jesus.

*Setting of the Birth Narrative:* We will investigate what the Biblical accounts tell us of Jesus' birth, based on both the Matthew and Luke accounts.

Sites: Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Shepherd's Fields area. Overnight: Jerusalem. B,D

**Day Nine: Sunday, Feb 14, 2021**

*A Living People:* Visit to Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial). Jewish Quarter (Cardo, Broad Wall, Herodian mansions), Western Wall plaza. Overnight: Jerusalem. B, D

**Day Ten: Monday, Feb 15, 2021**

*Jewish Questionings and Roman Trials of Jesus:* The arrest, trial and conviction of Jesus will be our subject as we journey through the "salvation geography" of Jerusalem in the Gospel according to John. Sites: Temple Mount, Pools of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre, Garden Tomb (with communion). Overnight: Jerusalem. B, D

**Day Eleven: Tuesday, Feb 16, 2021**

Day at leisure. This allows time to shop, do additional sightseeing, or just relax and take in the local culture.

**Day Twelve: Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021**

Return flight from Tel Aviv to Philadelphia, arriving later the same day.

*Every effort will be made to complete the full itinerary. Yet, because conditions are often unpredictable in travel, we reserve the right to make changes during the tour.*