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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

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Learn more about Mark at his website at:
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ITINERARY

February 4 – Depart the USA

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February 5 – Arrival

Arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer to your hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

February 6 – Caesarea by the Sea, Sepphoris

Two spectacular sites frame this first full day of touring. Caesarea-by-the-Sea was built 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. The second site of the day is Sepphoris, the capital of Galilee in the time of Jesus. Up to one-half of the total population of Galilee once lived in this urban center. It was truly a “city on a hill.” Continue to Nazareth for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 7 – Magdala, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee

Dawn comes early at Magdala, an ancient harbor town on the edge of the Sea of Galilee. View impressive remains that illustrate the fishing industry from the time of Christ. From Magdala, travel to nearby places linked to specific Gospel moments: the calling of the disciples, the miracle feedings, the Sermon on the Mount, and the restoration of Peter. The highlight of these stops will undoubtedly center on Capernaum, the base for Jesus’ Galilean ministry and the site of several miracles. With these stories in mind, board a wooden boat and personally experience the wind and the waves of Galilee’s most famous sea. Return to Nazareth for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 8 – Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth’s Old City, Worship with the Turan Church

Spend a day in the rolling hills of Galilee. Visit sites and people connected to Christianity. Walk through the magnificent Church of the Annunciation, a structure built over the traditional home of Jesus. Explore the nooks and crannies of the Old City of Nazareth, where life continues to flourish. In the evening hours, worship with local Christians in the village of Turan. Spend overnight in Nazareth.

February 9 – Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Nimrod, Golan Heights

Experience the beauty of the far north. Leave Galilee behind and travel to the site of Tel Dan. Here, an Israelite “high place,” the gate complex and fortification walls are visible. Continue to the birthplace of the Jordan River at Pnias, named after the goat god, Pan. Consider the nearby site of Caesarea Philippi, where Peter declared Jesus to be “the Christ.” Finally, climb to the heights of Mount Hermon, a snowy peak that marks the highest spot in all the Heartland. From a castle built in the Crusader period, take in a view of the region where Jesus was transfigured. Return to Nazareth for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 10 – Jordan River, Jericho, Wilderness of Judea, Bethlehem

Follow the Jordan River to the desert lands of the south. Stop at the site of Jericho, where the walls “came a tumblin’ down.” Scamper over the rocks of this mound and consider Rahab’s story. Travel from here to Qasr el Yahud, the place on the Jordan River where early Christians identified the work of John the Baptist. Climb through the Wilderness of Judea and stop for an overlook of this austere land. Continue to Bethlehem for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 11 – Herodium, Shepherds’ Field, Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem Bible College

At sunrise, visit the summit of Herodium, Herod’s desert fortress. It was used by the Zealots during of the First Jewish Revolt. Appreciate the humble village of Beit Sahour, home to the Christmas shepherds. Travel further uphill to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity, where Christ was born! In the late afternoon visit Bethlehem Bible College and learn of their important work. Return to your hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 12 – Jerusalem

In the morning, visit Haram al Sharif (the Temple Mount) and the Western Wall. After lunch, travel to the nearby Israel Museum, where an enormous model of Jerusalem in the N.T. period reinforces our own experience of the city. Linger in the Shrine of the Book and witness some of the most important manuscripts of the Bible. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Bethlehem.

February 13 – Jerusalem

Look over the summit the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem! Walk the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. Enter the Old City and visit the Pool of Bethesda. Walk the Via Dolorosa to the most sacred place in all Christianity: the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Here, celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Jerusalem.

February 14 – Jerusalem

Visit the Garden Tomb for a morning time of reflection, worship, and communion. Return to the hotel for resting, packing, and last-minute shopping. Transfer to the airport for a night flight to the USA.

February 15 – Return Home

Arrive home in the USA.



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



PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Daily Breakfast and Dinner • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Gratuities for guide and driver • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While JCBS/EOT will try to match roommates, JCBS/EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1005 during the basic tour; \$100 to upgrade to Martian Tent.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$600	Due upon registration
Second Deposit	\$1,500	Due by 10/12/24
Full Deposit	\$2,100	Payment received between 10/13/24 - 11/20/24 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Final Payment		Due by 11/21/24. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 10/12/24 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after October 13, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 10/13/24. Registrations received between 10/14/24 - 11/06/24 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 11/07/24 - 11/21/24 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 11/22/24 - 12/06/25 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 12/07/25 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

JCBS/EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. JCBS/EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by JCBS/EOT, and JCBS/EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of JCBS/EOT, JCBS/EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less non-refundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, non-refundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. JCBS/EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of JCBS/EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see www.jcbs.org/travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 10/12/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, JCBS/EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. JCBS/EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.jcbs.org/travel/info/airlinefees.aspx.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While JCBS/EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 09/23/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.jcbs.org. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for JCBS/EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which JCBS/EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies JCBS/EOT in writing prior to departure.

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Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
\$1001-\$1500	\$149	\$4001-\$4500	\$449	\$7001-\$8000	\$799
\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

Schedule of Benefits

Maximum Benefit

Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay	Up to \$150 Per Day, to Maximum of \$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	\$50,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	Up to \$200

Additional Cancellation Protection

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the JCBS/EO Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver that allows you to cancel your JCBS/EO travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this JCBS/EO Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be reimbursed in cash or in travel vouchers (depending on your reason for cancellation). Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the JCBS/EO website (www.jcbs.org). **Plan costs must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect. Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by JCBS. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate.** *In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.

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