



## **Land of the Book/Holy Land 2012**

**Rome Tour: June 23 (Saturday)-June 28 (Thursday)**

**Israel Tour: June 28 (Thursday)-July 6 (late Friday night)**

There is no place on earth like the Holy Land. It is a life changing experience to walk where the patriarchs wandered, where kings went to war, where prophets thundered God's warnings, where a baby was born in a stable, and where a band of fishermen began to overturn the world. To travel to Israel is to visit the Land of the Book.

For almost thirty years, Dr. John Barnett has been taking believers around the Holy Land to experience many places: from the coastal cities of the early New Testament church along the Mediterranean Sea to the inland deserts of Christ and the prophets; from Galilee to Jerusalem, from the caves and wadis of David's life, to the synagogues of the Gospels—all the Land comes alive with truths from God's Word.

Each of John's Bible study tours are intentionally **devotional**. God's Word is the **textbook**, the Biblical sites are the **classroom**, and the Spirit of God is the **teacher**. On the study tour we emphasize both personal Bible reading and Dr. Barnett's careful exposition of the Word.

## **Study Tour Preparation:**

Our study tours have three levels of preparation that we encourage. Please let us know if you desire the Scholar's Level. All pre-trip work is noted as either the Explorer & Traveler levels.

1. The first is the **Traveler Level** for the first timer, or someone who doesn't have time to do extensive, pre-trip preparation and wants to just soak in as much as possible on the journey. All pre-trip study materials are available, but don't have to be done.
2. Second is the **Explorer Level** for the serious student who desires to retain the maximum impact possible by doing pre-trip work, Bible-markings, staying focused at each site and doing note-taking and Bible exploration, plus is will to re-visit notes and materials after the trip to fill in any blanks.
3. Finally, the **Scholar Level** is just that: a scholarly journey with daily, in-depth, pre-trip study, all Bible marking, journaling all the insights and facts, marking up the Scriptures on each site, doing extensive pre-trip online study, taking pictures keyed to sites, and compiling all that into a journey analysis. This is work and it is rewarding.

## **Study Guide: Walking the Pages of Christ's Life in the Gospels from Galilee to Jerusalem**

Our 2012 journey through the Land of the Book will feature an entirely new focus: **Walking the Events** of Christ's life.

### **Pre-Trip Preparation:**

1. Read the Gospels & Acts, marking key geographic places mentioned;
2. Study the 250 events of Christ's life;
3. Mark the top 40 places where we will do study sessions in your Bible;
4. Using the How to Guide attached to the "Top 40 Sites" worksheet, make a journal, clip and paste the 40 top sites one per page or two; spend 40 days of preparation doing a Bible study of each "Top 40" sites references, writing a summary, lessons, and application.

5. Study your own trip map (one you take with you on the trip) until you can point out without hesitation: Joppa, Caesarea, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Capernaum, Tiberius, Bethsaida, Kursi, Chorazim, Nazareth, Megiddo, Jericho, Jerusalem, the 4 quarters of the Old City, Mt. Of Olives, Mt. Scopus, Mt. Zion.
6. Take your Bible, map, journal, and camera to a coffee shop; do a study, write in your journal, and take a picture. See if everything works, whether you need to adjust anything. That group of items (only carried with you outside and onto actual Biblical places) is what you need at every site.
7. Check your walking shoes by taking several long walks; use your camera; pack your bag and see if everything fits. Less is usually better than too much gear, that you lug around the whole trip.

### **Pre-trip Goals:**

1. Get a **Devotional** overview of the Holy Land by reading: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John & Acts and marking in your Bibles those top 40 sites.
2. Get a **Geographical** Overview by finding each of those 40 key places & cities on a map.
3. Get a **Christological** Overview of the Bible by reading over and seeking to get acquainted with the 250 Events of the Life of Christ Chart.
4. Get a **Practical** Working overview of Jerusalem's Layout by understanding the placement of the Four Quarters, and noting where the key places in Jerusalem were from Christ's ministry using a study Bible's mp and other resources.

### **Hotels/Israel Option:**

- **Night 1:** Renaissance Tel Aviv
- **Night 2-5:** Notre Dame, Jerusalem
- **Night 6-8:** Scots, Tiberius

### **Daily Walks in the Word:**

**Day One (Thursday, 6/28): Our arrival and acclimation to Israel as the Land of the Book.** When we land we are right in the middle of Acts 9:23-43 (Biblical Lydda is where the airport sits). As we transfer to the Tel Aviv Renaissance we actually come to the shore of the Mediterranean where Peter walked to Cornelius' home in Joppa (that spot is commemorated by the white church in old

Jaffa almost a mile south of the hotel, right on the coast). At night it has floodlights making it stand out clearly.

**Assignment:** If you arrive early enough, walk or taxi down there to Old Joppa and read Acts 9-10. If not, just sit out on the promenade by the Sea, read, pray, and feel that you are at last: right where the New Testament happened!

**Day Two (Friday, 6/29): This is our Up to Jerusalem Day.** We board the bus; stop at Jaffa for a study session in the Old Jaffa Park where we study Jonah, Japheth, Peter & Cornelius. What an amazing spot that cover Biblical history from right after the Ark to the book of Acts: all in one spot! We then cross the Coastal Plains, climb the Judean Hills, and arrive at our home for the next four nights overlooking the walls of Jerusalem. The Notre Dame Hotel has **the finest teaching panoramic view** of all spots you could ever find, of the events of Christ's life and ministry in Jerusalem. After check in, we move to the rooftop and have our orientation of Jerusalem. This moment will be perhaps for most, the single greatest thrill of this trip, when we actually see from one spot, and with our own eyes, those final seven greatest events of Christ's life & ministry:

1. The Palm Sunday Road snaking down the Mt. Of Olives;
2. The Temple Mount where He taught so many precious passages;
3. The Last Supper location in the Upper Room;
4. The Garden of Gethsemane where He prayed, was betrayed, and arrested, that last night;
5. The Fortress of Antonia where He was beaten, mocked, scourged, traded for a murdering thief, and sent off with His Cross for you, and for me;
6. The Via Dolorosa where He walked to the place called Golgotha;
7. The Crucifixion, Burial, & Resurrection place both the oldest and most reliable (Church of the Holy Sepulcher) and the newest and most beautiful (the Garden Tomb).

Wow, all that, and much more is clearly seen almost beneath us as we stand by the towers of this castle-like hotel. That is how we start the day!

**Assignment:** Pause to mark all of those seven key spots on your map, take a moment to review them in your journal. Take pictures so

that you have each of those sites frames in the surrounding geography.

After an orientation overview and then our in-depth study in the Word, we head into Jerusalem for our first walk:

- ***The Day of Pentecost Walk:*** takes us from Mt. Zion's Upper Room prayer meeting, where Jesus appeared to the frightened disciples, and where they tarried awaiting the Spirit. Then we walk to the Southern Steps and re-live that glorious birthday of the church as we stand down where the 3,000 were baptized and look up at the Teaching Steps where most likely Peter preached the sermon at Pentecost in the events of Acts 2-3. ***Assignment:*** sit, read, prayerfully meditate and record what happened here in the Bible, and then allow the Lord to stir your heart to worshipping Him, before you leave this spot.

Back to the hotel for dinner, and evening overview of the city lights from the rooftop where desserts and coffee are sold, as you look at the entire old city Jerusalem floodlighted and beautiful.

### **Day Three (Saturday 6/29) through Day Five (Monday 7/2):**

That is just the start, each day in Jerusalem and Galilee will be built around these walks through the pages of Scripture noted below. Here are the rest of the planned walks through some of the key events we read and savor in the Gospels:

- ***The Last Supper Walk:*** we start on Mt. Zion and after sitting in that special room studying all the key events that took place in that place, and reading the accounts, we set off walking just as Christ and His disciples did that last night. We walk across the Old City, through the Temple area, down the steps into the Kidron, and up into the Garden of Gethsemane. We actually stop to mark the messages Jesus gave as He walked (John 15-17) and then read John 18 under the ancient Olive Trees. We pause to pray Luke 22 and Mark 14's "not my will" that Jesus kept repeating, and allow that truth to sink in. ***Assignment:*** sit, read, prayerfully meditate and record what happened here in the Bible, and then allow the Lord to stir your heart to worshipping Him, before you leave this spot. On to the Grotto or Cave of Gethsemane to share communion and relive those precious insights.

- **The Palm Sunday Walk:** starting at the back edge of the Mt. of Olives we overlook Bethany and Bethphage, walk across the top and down the Palm Sunday Road. Stopping at Dominus Flevit we cover the prophetic implications of Christ's three sermons from that spot in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 and merge them with Revelation 6-9 and Zechariah 12:14. Just this stop will be the most amazing prophetic class we could ever take, because Jesus explains the future to us. Then at the Southern Steps, after a further walk we stop to read all the Palm Sunday passages and looking up towards the Temple Mount we learn why Jesus cleansed the Temple twice, cursed the fig tree, and how the Jews did not fulfill His desire to be a "house of prayer for all the Nations". **Assignment:** sit, read, prayerfully meditate and record what happened here in the Bible, and then allow the Lord to stir your heart to worshipping Him, before you leave this spot.
- **The Way of the Cross Walk:** this may be the most touching of our walks as we start at Gallicantu's pit and study Peter's denials, Christ's mistreatment, and then go onward through the Lion's Gate to the Antonian Fortress, where Jesus was mocked, scourged, crowned with thorns, and given His cross. After we read the passages, we walk the Via Dolorosa and stop in each chapel dedicated to a Biblical Event. Ending up at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, we trace the events, prepare our hearts and then walk to Golgotha and the Garden Tomb to read, pray, worship, and share Communion. **Assignment:** sit, read, prayerfully meditate and record what happened here in the Bible, and then allow the Lord to stir your heart to worshipping Him, before you leave this spot.
- **The Pool of Siloam Walk:** we walk through the actual spot where Jesus stood at the John 9 Pool of Siloam and read, study, and hear the voice of Jesus through the Gospels speaking to us. We also get to walk the extensive new excavations and see the amazing Herodian sewers, roads, and monumental steps.
- **The Old City Walk:** this is perhaps the most delightful of all the walks. We actually walk through each of the Four Quarters of Old City Jerusalem seeing the distinct flavor of each and sampling the Biblical insights that can still be drawn from a place that in many ways takes us back almost to Biblical times as old cultural facets are still practiced today as they were two thousand years ago.

- ***The Biblical Hill of Jerusalem Walk:*** on the west side of the Hinnom Valley is a weed covered hill where we see what the outskirts of Jerusalem looked like in Biblical times. Here we study Christ's many teaching times shared outside the city as He walked with His disciples, and paused to teach the crowds that often followed Him. Nearby at Ketef Hinnom are the stone cut tombs that help us understand Biblical burial customs, and afford many insights into scenes from the Bible.
- ***The Temple Mount Walk:*** with a map and Scriptural events in hand, we do a prayer walk around the very spots that these great events in Christ's life and the life of the Early Church took place: John 7: "Water of Life"; John 8: "Light of the World"; John 10: "The Good Shepherd Discourse"; Acts 3: "Gate Beautiful Lame man" and Solomon's Porch v. 11; Acts 4: arrested, jailed, and 5,000 believe; Acts 5: "One Accord" Solomon's Porch v.12, jailed, released by angel, tried, beaten, keep preaching in Temple; Acts 21: Paul roughed up, arrested, taken to barracks v. 34; Acts 22: Paul speaks, imprisoned; Acts 23: sent from Temple area to Caesarea.
- ***The Temptation in the Wilderness Walk:*** out in the desert of Judea, facing the Dead Sea area, we go to a quiet ravine by Wadi Quilt and spend solitude time in the Word reading the Temptation accounts and applying the three lessons Jesus gives in His defeats of Satan's attacks.

**Day Six (7/3) through Day Nine (7/6):** Today we pack up and leave our lovely home in Jerusalem's Notre Dame, and begin our journey north to Galilee. We stop and do one last site and study as we leave Jerusalem and then drive through thousands of years of Biblical History, up the Jordan Valley, through the Judea Hills, Central Mountain range, and finally to the Sea of Galilee. We make our home in the seaside landmark hotel called the Scots. This hotel usually becomes most traveler's favorite place in all the Land of Israel. During our three nights stay we will walk these key walks through the Life of Christ.

- ***The Nazareth Walk:*** we walk through a restored, First Century village of Nazareth and see how Jesus would have lived, eaten, worked in a workshop, worshipped in a synagogue, and so much more at Nazareth Village.

- ***The Sea of Galilee Walk:*** early in the morning, before sunrise we all walk to the dock near our hotel, climb aboard a replica of a fishing boat from the time of Christ and sail out to the center of the Sea of Galilee. Then as the sun rises over the mountains of Gilead, we sing, pray, and have a lesson on the incredible scenes on this very Sea from the Gospel accounts.
- ***The Mount of Beatitudes Walk:*** the quiet, green hillsides of this place are an amazingly devotional retreat for us to read Christ's sermon on the spot, breathe in the atmosphere of worship, and make the words of Christ our marching orders. A quiet spot under a shady tree, looking at the Sea of Galilee will become a remembered altar of consecration, blessing, and worship for most of us who pause and ponder Matthew 5-7 on this spot.
- ***The Kursi/Decapolis Walk:*** as we stop at the ruins of the Mark 5 event here at Kursi, we will not only learn the lessons Jesus taught here, but also get insights into the early church as we walk up the mountains to see the ruins of the Byzantine monastery complex that was built here. We also look up the mountain and remember the closeness of the Decapolis which figures into much of Christ's ministry in the Gospels.
- ***The Bethsaida/Chorazim/Golden Triangle Walk:*** more than 605 of all of Christ's recorded miracles and ministry surrounding them takes place in the area of a triangle shaped by the three cities of Capernaum, Chorazim, and Bethsaida. Here we walk among the black basalt rocks of the ruins of these cities and remember Christ's words uttered here to "Follow Me".
- ***The Capernaum Walk:*** here is the town that was the launching pad for so much of Christ's public ministry we marvel at how close the Sea of Galilee seems. Here we'll sit by the water, read and study these key events, learn in the synagogue of the John 6 message Christ gave here; and savor the ancient ruins and walk through the pages of so much of the Gospels that we have only read but now see.
- ***The Jordan River Walk:*** here as we have our baptism, we also see the Jordan up close and remember the ministry of Christ, John the Baptist and the many times this river is noted in God's Word.
- ***The Beth Shan Walk:*** the ruins of this city are so many layers of history. This is the city of King Saul and the Philistines, the city of

Jesus and the Decapolis, and the mirror of what most of the Roman Empire city's looked like in the New Testament times. Here we remember all those biblical events and see the impact that architecture, and culture had upon the communication of the Gospel.

# The Top 40+ Sites In the Land of the Book's 2012 Walking the Paths of Jesus Tour

After 15 trips to the Lands of the Book with over 2,500 pilgrims just like you, we have picked our favorites of all the spots in the Land. Here they are for you. To maximize the impact of our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I suggest that you read, and do a study of as many of these as you can.

Read the study Bible notes about each of these chapters, and if you want, You can even look up any key words that may be jumping out as you read these chapters.

We will sit at the site where the events in these chapters took place for our major teaching session at the rate of 2 or more each day. So the more you prepare on these chapters, the more you will retain from the site.

Here are the key places; and the Scriptures to prepare for each one before we have our study there.

1. **Coastal Area-Caesarea Maritima:** think of King Herod gaining the whole world yet losing his own soul because he tried to kill the Only One that could save him. Think of a place that is a monument to the way to lose it all, and of Paul in prison (Acts 23-25) and writing perhaps some of his prison Epistles from Herod's Palace prison (some of the most treasured books of the NT): Ephesians, Philipians, Colossians, and Philemon. Pick your favorite Prison Epistle, read it on the plane or sometime before, and then get ready to stand in the ruins of the prison where Paul may have

sat as he wrote it!

2. **Coastal Area-Joppa:** think of the Book of Jonah; and think of Cornelius and Peter's vision in Acts 10.
3. **Dead Sea Area-En Gedi:** think David on the run, a hot desert all around, and a quiet, hidden oasis with jungle like greenery, waterfalls, and beautiful wildlife. I Samuel 23:29; Psalm 35-36, 54
4. **Dead Sea Area-Masada:** think of the crushing of the Jewish people as they were warned about, their bravery, and of this mountain fortress that is named after the very word that David uses for the Lord in Psalm 18.
5. **Dead Sea Area-Qumran:** think of the preservation of Scriptures, the Dead Sea Scrolls and Isaiah 40.
6. **Galilee-Capernaum:** think of Christ's hometown, fishermen, daily ministry, and His teaching on the Bread of Life in John 6.
7. **Galilee-Hill of Beattitudes:** think of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and the multitudes listening as He taught.
8. **Galilee-Kursi:** think of Jesus landing on the shore, a demonized man running to Him, and all that happened in Mark 5.
9. **Galilee-Sea of Galilee:** think of fishing all night, watching the Sun rise and then seeing Jesus on the shore making breakfast (John 21); or think of a long night in the storm and watching Him come walking across the stormy waves (Matthew 14).
10. **Galilee-The Arbel Cliff:** think of Jesus in prayer,

going out on the mountain to pray all night (Matthew 14), then think of the disciples sent on ahead to cross in their boat, getting stuck in the storm. That very spot you read about in Matthew 14 is where you will also sit and pray!

11. **Jerusalem-Church of the Holy Sepulchre:** think of a rock quarry, Golgotha, and executions carried out nearby using Roman means of crucifixion in John 19.
12. **Jerusalem-Gallicantu:** think Peter scared, denying, and Jesus watching and warning in Luke 22.
13. **Jerusalem-Garden Tomb:** think of the Empty Tomb, and our Risen Savior in John 20.
14. **Jerusalem-Lithostratus:** think of the Antonian Fortress, Jesus standing before Pilate, the soldiers sitting around taking turns scourging and mocking Jesus by getting on their knees before Him, and then Jesus being led out to be crucified in Mark 15:16-20; Luke 23:13-25.
15. **Jerusalem-Pools of Bethesda:** think of a man 38 years paralyzed, think of Christ's healing him with the 3<sup>rd</sup> of His seven sign miracles in John 5.
16. **Jerusalem-Teaching/Southern Steps:** think of Jesus carried into the Temple in Luke 2, of Him walking up to teach in the Temple many times such as John 7, 8 & 10; then think of Acts 2 and the coming of the Spirit, and the Baptism of 3,000 on that day in the pools at the foot of the steps; then the Early Church all walking up these steps to be all together in Solomon's Portico Acts 5:12-16. This spot was the epicenter of the early believers' meeting, talking, and being taught.
17. **Jerusalem-Upper Room:** think Last Supper, foot

- washing, hiding out after the Crucifixion, Jesus walking through the door, prayer meetings, and waiting for Pentecost in Mark 14:12-26, John 20:19-29.
18. **Mt. of Olives-Dominus Flevit:** think of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem as He saw the future and explained it to us in Matthew 23:37- 24:51.
  19. **Mt. of Olives-Gethsemane:** think of Jesus praying for me, and His prayer example of “not my will but Thine” in Matthew 26:36-44, Mark 14:32-43, Luke 22:39-53 & John 18:8-18.
  20. **Mt. of Olives-Palm Sunday Road:** think of the triumphal entry, the palm branches, Jesus arriving into Jerusalem as the Lamb of God (Mark 11), then think of Him walking this road back to Bethany to spend time with Mary, Martha, and raise Lazarus in John 11. This road is even the one that David walked in II Samuel 15 as he fled Absalom and paused at the top of the Mt. of Olives to worship God and frame Psalm 3 in his heart, that he would later write down.
  21. **Dead Sea Area-Elah:** think small David and Giant Goliath, and GOD. You and God make a majority! Read I Samuel 17.
  22. **Dead Sea Area-Sodom:** think of Lot who made it to Heaven, but lost everything on Earth because he lived for things instead of God in Genesis 13-19.
  23. **Jerusalem-Damascus Gate:** think of the main road heading to Damascus as Paul walked out furiously pursuing believers in Acts 9, then on that road meets Jesus face to face. Think also of Jesus going out this gate headed to the cross that was outside the city in John 19 as Hebrews 13:12 says He was crucified “outside the gate”.

24. **Jerusalem-Pool Siloam:** think of Jesus and the blind man, the mud, and washing his eyes in this very spot. You can sit on the very steps that Jesus and the blind man used, see the water flow that kept the Pool filled with water and read John 9, the 6<sup>th</sup> of the seven sign miracles that Jesus performed.
25. **Jerusalem-South Western corner of the Temple Mount:** think of Christ's words that not one stone would be left atop another of the Temple (Matthew 24) as you sit and look at the actual pile of stones just as they fell when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70. This spot is one of the most visible proofs of inspiration, and fulfilled prophecy.
26. **Jerusalem-The Mount of Olives:** think Jesus Ascending back to Heaven raining down words of blessings upon His disciples in Luke 24/Acts 1; and returning to split that very mountain in Zechariah 12-14.
27. **Jordan River:** think of Christ's Baptism by John in John 1:29, the crossing into the Promised Land (Joshua 1-3), and all the times David and just about every other Biblical figure had to cross that river in which Jesus was baptized in Mark 1. Then think about being baptized like Matthew 28:18-20 says and following Jesus in the same River Jordan as you are baptized.
28. **Mt. of Olives-Pater Noster Chapel:** think of Jesus teaching the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for all of us to always follow in Matthew 6.
29. **Northern Israel-Megiddo:** think Armageddon and Christ's Second Coming in Revelation 19. Think also that Jesus said in Matthew 25:31 that He was bringing all His holy angels, after a peek at Daniel 7:10 we see

- that means hundreds of millions if not billions. Think of that white cloud coming across the sky, with us behind Him!
30. **Northern Israel-Mt. Carmel/Muhraqa:** think Elijah, the prophets of Baal, and who is the True Lord who sends the fire in I Kings 18-19.
  31. **Northern Israel-Nazareth:** think of the spot Jesus lived in longest on Earth, grew up, suffered ostracism as a young man (which may be described in Psalm 69), studied and learned the Word, worked to support His family, and then was rejected as He taught in the synagogue in this very place as Luke 4:29 tells us!
  32. **Northern Israel-Springs of Harod:** think Gideon and his 300 and the God who wins battles whether by many or few in Judges 6-8, then think of those springs of living water God still offers in John 7:37-39.
  33. **Betshemesh:** from here you can see Soeq, remember Samson, think of the ark on the cart and remember those days recorded in the Book of Judges.
  34. **Jerusalem-Hezekiah's Tunnel/Broad Wall:** Hezekiah is in 11 chapters of God's Word (II Kings 18-20; II Chron. 29-32; Isaiah 36-39) and his life speaks volumes to us. Think of pride ( ); spreading your troubles before the Lord ( ); and the awesome power God has to deliver as He showed in the death of 185,000 Assyrians.
  35. **Jerusalem-Jaffa Gate/Herod's Palace:** think of the Matthew 2 Magi (Wisemen) who came 600 miles to this spot and looked for a King they later found in a stable as an infant.
  36. **Jerusalem-City of David:** this was the spot of

- Melchisadek (Genesis 14); Abraham's offering Isaac (Genesis 22); David and the altar on the threshing floor; and of all the events of David's life as King in Jerusalem.
37. **Galilee-Bethsaida:** think of Peter & Andrew's hometown ( ), Christ's call to them on the sea shore ( ), and the huge amount of miracles He did in this triangle.
  38. **Galilee-Chorazim:** think of Christ's ministry 605 in this triangle of Capernaum, Bethsaida, and Chorazim; think of Christ's sobering words about over-familiarity and under-responsiveness.
  39. **Galilee-Cana:** think first miracle of Christ (seven are in John); think of the lessons that miracle in John 2 portrays about our salvation.
  40. **Jerusalem-Mt. Scopus/Nob:** "Like David put his treasures in God's tent" (I Samuel 22) and where God stopped Sennacherib in his tracks, and showed Hezekiah what to do with problems: Spread them out before the Lord (Isaiah 10:32; 37:33-37).
  41. **Bethshean:** think of Saul's body hung ignominiously on the wall of the pagan Philistine Temple (I Sam 31); and of the Scythians (Col. 2) penetration this far south; and of the Decapolis, this was the one still looking like Roman times; think also that this is what nearly every city, that Paul visited in his missionary journeys, looked like.

...and on we could go, but this is enough for now!

May the Lord bless your study of His Word.