



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)

Next year, Dr. John Barnett will be leading a two-part journey to the Land of the Book. Part-1 is a ***Church History Study Tour to Rome*** teaching on Classical Rome, Early Christianity, and Church History, on site in Rome, as well as teaching an overview of the entire Book of Romans in view of Graeco-Roman culture and history. Part-2 is a customized ***Walking Christ's Footsteps study tour of Biblical Jerusalem & Galilee***, with special emphasis upon the Gospel Accounts.

This is going to be a special custom-sized group limited to 30 for the Rome/Church History Tour; so that we can get around efficiently and so that everyone is able to hear, ask questions, etc. Then we are doing the Life of Christ Tour of Israel in Galilee and Judea.

Each participant of the Rome portion of our tour will receive an expositional study guide for our complete study of the entire Epistle to

the Romans. We will recap a key chapter each day of our time in Rome.

Each participant of the Israel portion of our tour will receive a DVD containing the highlights of each day we share walking through the Land of the book, plus a copy of John's special lessons taught on each site entitled: ***Walking with Jesus Through the Land of the Book***.

This is a custom, deluxe, personally escorted Biblical pilgrimage that John & Bonnie will be hosting, guiding, advising, and leading through each portion.

Cost:

- ***The Rome Tour 6/23-28: \$899 plus air*** (price includes transfers, touring, hotel, and breakfast). Single price: \$1098/pp; no triples.
- ***The Israel Tour 6/28-7/7: \$2199 plus air*** (price includes hotels, touring, tips; everything but daily lunches). Single price: \$2899/pp; and triples \$2099/pp

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 I 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.

Itinerary:

Part One: The Book of Romans in Rome studying: Ancient Rome, Early Christianity & the Rise of the Roman Catholic Church

- **Pre-trip Preparation:** Read & outline the chapters of the Book of Romans, with a summary, lesson, and application written in your study journal for each chapter. Also study a map of Ancient Rome to find and mark the places we are going. Spend enough time until you have a general overview in your mind of the areas of the city we will be studying.

1. Day One (Sunday): Early Christianity & the Roman Empire.

This is the on-foot discovery of how amazing it is to see the actual word pictures of the New Testament metaphors describing warfare, athletics, building, and citizenship. From Nero's Tomb, to Domitian's stadium, to the Tomb of Augustus, the Mamertine Prison of Paul, and the Flavian Colosseum of the early Martyrs: the word pictures of Paul's Epistles will never be the same to us. Tonight we eat on the Piazza Navona, the actual remains of Domitian's Stadium where we feel the wonders of all we learned today. Our lessons today are:

1. **Nero's Tomb: Book of Romans; I Timothy 2**
2. **Tomb of Augustus: Fullness of Time; Gal. 4**
3. **The Forum/Colosseum: Sacramentum**
4. **Mamertine Prison: Ending Well**
5. **Domitian's Stadium: Life is a Race; agon**

2. Day Two (Monday): An overview of Ancient Rome. This day will give everyone an overview as an Italian guide takes us to all of the major sites of Rome where we see and feel the grandeur that was Rome from 746BC to the 1st Century. We motor around the city in a tour bus, briefly touching on the key sites. The day ends with dinner sitting together at one of Rome's lively outdoor cafés, with a recap of all we learned today. Our lessons today:

1. **Domus Rooftop: Overview Church History**
2. **The Catacombs: Remembering the Martyrs**
3. **Dinner: Q&A on Days 1&2**

3. Day Three (Tuesday): A Guided Tour of Church History from AD 60 to 590. This is that amazing time when the authentic Christianity of the New Testament grows, triumphs, and then gets merged with the paganism of the Roman Pantheon. We study the History of Doctrine and note: how Rome rose to be the head of the Church; where the sacraments started; how the orders of monks and priests developed; and trace the rise of Mary. Tonight is dinner on your own, pick from some of the grandest spots of the city and savor where you are on this Biblical Tour.

1. **Diocletian's Baths:** Closest to Extinction
2. **St. John in Lateran:** Justified by Faith
3. **St. Peter's:** The Origin of Romanism

4. Day Four (Wednesday): Exploring Rome for Yourself. This is our free day. After the days we have shared you know how to walk, use the subway and can get around to all the spots you want to savor, like: a long walk through the Vatican Museum, or a shopping day around the Spanish Steps, or one of those fabled cooking classes, or a trip out to explore the catacombs. There are more options than you could ever exhaust. We gather back as a group for dinner, reviewing each lesson we've studied, and then preparing to head on to fly from Rome to Tel Aviv. Soon we will walk the days of Christ's life in Israel.

5. Day Five (Thursday): *Head to Israel or Stay on in Rome.* Today those going on to the Holy Land get up, transfer to the Termini, then the airport, board their flights, land in Israel and transfer to the hotel. The rest of our Rome option group fan out to other destination, extended stays in Rome, or return home. All of us have an entirely different way of seeing the metaphors of the New Testament world after these days of walking through the pages of Scripture in Rome.

Pre-Trip Preparation:

We will be having weekly assignments for devotional Bible studies, map studies, Bible markings, readings in Church History, online videos, and lectures.

Each of these is optional, but they constitute the way to maximize the investment you are making in this Study Tour Program.

There will also be packing instruction and an informational meeting and a tour by way of pictures showing each place we will be visiting at Calvary Bible Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan, as well as online (a recorded copy of each session) for those who live out of the area.

Airline arrangements:

Each participant is expected to arrange their own air flights so that (1) they arrive to the group hotel in Rome on Saturday June 23rd, 2012. (2) Another flight is needed from Rome to Tel Aviv anytime on June 28th; and finally (3) a flight out of Tel Aviv anytime from 10PM onward on Friday evening July 6th, 2012.

Group participants have purchased these type of flight connections many times using online services such as: Orbitz, Expedia, Cheap Tickets, etc. The current price for a ticket we are using from Chicago/Rome/TelAviv/Chicago with a perfect connection schedule is \$2015 on Continental.

Hotels/Rome Option: (all 5 nights) Domus Sessoriana

The Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem stands on an ancient Roman necropolis upon which an imperial residence called Sessorium was built in the 3rd century. The residence encircled by the Aurelian Wall included the Public Baths, the Castrensian Amphitheatre and the Varius Circus. In the 4th century the residence was given to Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena. Helena transformed the Hall of Justice into a Christian church to house the Relics of the Passion of Jesus Christ that she had brought back from Mount Calvary.

The Basilica was completely restructured in the 10th century by Pope Lucius II who added three naves and a romanesque campanile; in 1700 Pope Benedict XIV rebuilt it in the baroque style, as we find it today. The Basilica contains many works of art including medieval frescoes, a cosmatesque floor (12th century), and the story of the Invention and Exultation of the Cross by Antoniazio Romano (14th century).

The Relics

The Relics of the Passion of Jesus comprise three fragments from the Cross, a Nail from the crucifixion, two Thorns from the Crown and a piece of the Title of the Cross. The authenticity of the relics has been the subject of various studies down through the

centuries. Nowadays, it has been confirmed by historical and scientific studies. Documentation of the veneration of fragments of the Cross and Nail first dates back to the 4th century. The Title of the Cross relic – the wooden plaque with part of the Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum inscription on it – concealed to protect it from thieves, was discovered in 1492. The two Thorns were not found by Helena herself; they were donated in the centuries that followed. The Crown of Thorns was venerated and held in Constantinople.

The Aurelian Walls and the Varius Circus

In the middle of the 3rd century, the threat posed by Barbarian incursions made it necessary to strengthen Rome's internal defences. Emperor Aurelian ordered the construction of a new fortified boundary wall, built between 271 and 275AD. The section of the Aurelian Wall that encloses the Holy Cross site is one of the most well preserved of all of Rome's boundary wall. The remains of the Varius Circus, commissioned by Emperor Heliogabalus (218-222), were uncovered in the northeastern section of the Basilica.

The Helena Public Baths and the Castrensian Amphitheatre

Other buried rooms have been found just behind the current Via Eleniana, a road that retraces an old Roman path. They belong to the cistern whose waters surfaced there and fed the public baths and which undoubtedly belonged to Constantine's mother. Next to the Basilica and Monastery are the remains of the Castrensian Amphitheatre, located at the site's highest point and which was included by Aurelian (270-275) inside the Eternal City's defensive wall. Its name derives from 'Castrum' which in Late Antiquity similarly had the meaning of an imperial residence. It was equipped for courtly spectacles and military exercises. The remains of the Amphitheatre followed the same fate as those of the Monastery, namely they were used as construction materials for the new buildings in the middle of the 1700s.

Part Two: 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 framed 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 Fleuit 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:***
- ***The Jordan River Walk:***
- ***The Beth Shan Walk:***