

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH ISRAEL 2022 DEVOTIONALS

EXPERIENCING AFC HOLY LAND TRIP 2022

MONDAY MAY 16TH: Leave from O'Hare International Airport

Please pray for safe and carefree journey with a spirit of Christian Community as we travel.

TUESDAY MAY 17TH: Arrive at Ben Gurion International airport, Tel Aviv Israel

Please pray that we will be able to fulfill all the requirements to enter Israel expeditiously and will all cleared to travel together.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH:

MOUNT OF OLIVES EXPERIENCE:

Please read and study the accompanying Scriptures as a guide:

This is a north-to-south ridge of hills east of Jerusalem where Jesus was betrayed on the night before His crucifixion. The mount overlooks the Temple.

The Mount of Olives is also mentioned in a reference by the prophet Zechariah (14:4) to the future Day of the Lord: "In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east.

Christian tradition holds that when Christ returns to earth, His feet will touch first upon the Mount of Olives, the exact point from which He ascended into heaven <Acts 1:11-12>.

In the New Testament the Mount of Olives played a prominent part in the last week of our Lord's ministry. Jesus approached Jerusalem from the east and the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them before Him.

Jesus then went into Jerusalem and cleansed the Temple of the moneychangers. As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, and He delivered what is known as "the Olivet Discourse" a sermon that speaks of the signs of the times and the end of the age. <Matt. . 24:3--25:46; Mark 13:3-37>.

Note: We plan to have a short devotional here with Communion.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEME:

After Jesus had instituted the LORD'S SUPPER on the night of His betrayal, He and His disciples sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives <Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26>, to the Garden of GETHSEMANE <Matt. 26:36; Mark 14:32>.

It is here that the humanity and Divinity of Christ was on full display as He prayed from His heart, wrestling with the most difficult task of His life.

In this garden, on the slopes of the Mount of Olives, Jesus was betrayed by Judas and delivered into the hands of His enemies.

Note: We plan to have a short devotional at this site.

THURSDAY MAY 19TH:

Yad Vashem: This is Israel's official monument to the victims of the Holocaust. It is designed to honor those who died, and those Jews and Gentiles who aided the Jews, to remind us all of the horrors of genocide, and to avoid such actions in our world.

Interaction with the Ethiopian Jewish Community. This group represent one of the oldest Diaspora communities.

Please join us in prayer that the Spirit of Christ will give us wisdom, compassion, and holy boldness to increase our awareness of our obligation of compassion and help for all, and for marginalized and vulnerable communities of every sort.

FRIDAY MAY 20TH

TEMPLE WESTERN WALL:

This is often referred to as the "Wailing Wall," in the west. It is one of the holiest sites for Jews and Muslims. It is a part of the expansion of the second Jewish Temple by Herod the Great, and encompasses the steep hill revered by Jews, Christians, and Muslims, called the Temple Mount. The site of the Holy of Holies lies behind it.

THE 'UPPER ROOM':

While this may not be the actual "upper room," from the Bible (MK 14:15; Luke 22:12) where Jesus instituted the Last Supper, or Acts 1:13, the place the 120 were gathered in prayer, when and where the Holy Spirit descended, it reminds us of such powerful dynamics of our faith.

Note: We plan to have a short devotional here.

SATURDAY MAY 21ST

POOL OF BETHESDA:

House of Grace. Pool in the northeastern part of Jerusalem near the sheep gate (John 5:1-9) Here Jesus healed the man lame for 38 years.

VIA DOLOROSA:

This is purported to be the route in the Old City that Jesus would have taken on His way to the crucifixion.

GARDEN TOMB:

This is a rock-cut tomb in Jerusalem considered by some to be the site of Jesus burial and resurrection (Jn 19:40-42; Mt 28:6)

Note: We plan to have a short devotional and communion here.

SUNDAY MAY 22ND

MASADA

An ancient fortification. Place of great historical significance in Israel. Overlooks the Dead Sea.

EIN GEDI

A beautiful natural reserve park. Contains beautiful pools and cascades.

JORDAN RIVER VALLEY

MONDAY MAY 23RD

CAESAREA PHILIPPI

It was near here that Jesus asked His disciples who He was and received Peter's inspired answer (Matt 16:13)

Note: We plan to have a short devotional here

SEA OF GALILEE:

We will experience a private boat sail. Enjoy lunch

It was walking along this shore Jesus called some of His disciples (Mt 4:18)

It was on this Sea that we have the story of the great storm, and Jesus shows His mastery over the wind and sea (Matt 8:24)

Note: We plan to have a devotional on the boat

MOUNT OF THE BEATITUDES:

This is the site of the sermon on the Mount, regarding the Beatitudes and describes the character of those who are "in the Kingdom!"

On a personal note, I had one of my most memorable experiences in the Spirit, sharing the scripture on this site.

Note: We plan to have a devotional here.

JORDAN RIVER:

The Jordan river in both the Old and New Testament is of powerful significance to the child of God.

Note: We plan to have a devotional here and some baptisms.

TUESDAY MAY 24TH

NAZARETH:

Mount Precipice. The place where Jesus grew up and was a headquarters for His ministry.

Note: We plan to have a devotional here

CAESAREA MARTIMA:

Concluding prayer and saying goodbye to Israel.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25TH

DEPART FROM BEN GURION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT