

ARIZONA BIBLE CLASS PRESENTS...

The Bible in Living Color

Led by: Kevin Saunders



Travel Dates to and from Israel : May 31 – June 10, 2023
\$6,199.00 from Phoenix, AZ

**(Includes: Roundtrip flights from Phoenix, Intl. departure taxes,
and standard gratuities)**

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DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 31: PHOENIX/ TEL AVIV

We depart for Israel from the Phoenix International Airport for our flights to Tel Aviv.

DAY 2 - THURSDAY, JUNE 1: TEL AVIV/ CAESAREA MARITIMA/ GALILEE

We arrive mid-morning at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv and drive to **Caesarea by the Sea** (Caesarea Maritima), the deep-water port built by Herod the Great. Caesarea was the home of the Roman garrison and of Pontius Pilate. We will explore the ancient ruins in the same outdoor theatre mentioned in the Book of Acts where Herod Antipas collapses on the stage, is eaten by worms . . . and dies (Acts 12: 23)! After a self-host lunch in a lovely restaurant at Caesarea, we drive to the **shores of the Sea of Galilee**. Sitting 690 feet below sea level and flanked by mountains, the Sea of Galilee becomes our home for the next four nights as we check into our hotel, surrounded by natural beauty and ancient history. We can relax by the shore or enjoy a nice swim in the pool. Plan to get a good night's sleep for tomorrow is a BIG day! (D)



DAY 3 - FRIDAY, JUNE 2: GALILEE: MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, CAPERNAUM, PETER'S PRIMACY CHURCH, and MAGDALA

We begin our day with a stop and visit to the **Mount of Beatitudes**. When Jesus was headquartered in **Capernaum**, he would often go into the hills to pray, and, in these hills, we not only study the Sermon on the Mount, but we spend some private time to pray in this place that Jesus loved so much. Mid-morning, we descend the hill to Capernaum. We gather under the trees in the "backyard" of the Apostles—Peter, Andrew, James, and John— for teaching time. After a quick lunch we return to the shore of the Sea of Galilee to visit the **Church of Peter's Primacy** (Tabgha) for one final teaching before heading back to our hotel, we will visit the **Magdala excavations and synagogue**. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 4 - SATURDAY, JUNE 3: GALILEE: TEL DAN, ABRAHAM GATE, CAESAREA PHILIPPI, GOLAN HEIGHTS and BETHSAIDA

Today we head north to the ancient **walled city of Dan** where we will tour the archeological site set in the midst of a garden of Eden like paradise. You will cross over two of the sources of the **Jordan River** in the way to the city. From there we will walk "around the corner" and visit the gate that Abraham would have used when he entered the city 4000 years ago. From Tel Dan we will make our way to **Caesarea Philippi** where St. Peter professed his faith in Christ and where the ancient Gates of Hell were thought to be located. Then it is up to the **Golan Heights** to visit a **Druze village** for my favorite lunch on the tour before we continue our tour on the Golan and end our day in the **Biblical village of Bethsaida**. It was near here where Jesus multiplied bread and fish to feed the multitudes. We will have teachings at every stop (except lunch). This evening we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

DAY 5 - SUNDAY, JUNE 4: GALILEE: MT. TABOR, CANA, NAZARETH and SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

After breakfast, we depart Galilee and drive to **Mount Tabor** located in Lower Galilee, at the eastern end of the Jezreel Valley. We take taxis to the top of the mountain the elevation provides an utterly commanding view of all of Galilee. It was here that Jesus revealed the wonderful power of presence in communion with saints of the past (Moses and Elijah). We visit the **Church of the Transfiguration** and have teaching and time of prayer in the garden. Our next stop is **Cana**, the location of **Jesus's first Miracle** (John 2) and the **famous wedding church**. We proceed to the city of **Nazareth**; the place Jesus spend his childhood. We visit the **Church of Annunciation** and **Mary's Well**. Our day concludes on the Nazareth ridge with the story of Luke, Chapter 5. We return to the Sea of Galilee to board our vessel for a **cruise on the Sea of Galilee** that will take us gently into the sunset. We conclude our day with a visit to the **Jesus Boat Museum** to see a **2,000-year-old fishing boat**, which once sailed the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 6 - MONDAY, JUNE 5: GALILEE/ MT. GILBOA/ BEIT SHEAN/ BETHLEHEM/ JERUSALEM

This is our "moving day." We depart the Galilee area and will head to **Gideon Springs** on the foot of **Mt. Gilboa** to learn the story of the site. Then we will visit **Beit Shean**, one of the **best-preserved Decapolis Roman cities**. This is where King Saul and his sons' bodies were hung from the city walls after being defeated by the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:10-12). We drive via the **Jordan Valley** and make our way to **Bethlehem** and visit the **Church of the Nativity**. We will also visit **Shepherds' Field Chapel** to sing Christmas carols as a group. We travel to **Jerusalem** and check into our home for the next four nights. For those who are interested will be able to attend the English language Catholic Mass at Notre Dame chapel. (B, D)



DAY 7 - TUESDAY, JUNE 6: JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, UPPER ROOM, SOUTHERN STEPS, PILGRIMS' ROAD and WESTERN WALL

We begin our Jerusalem pilgrimage on the **Mount of Olives** where we look directly across to the **Temple Mount** and celebrate the same view as pilgrims have for the past 3,000 years. We enter Jerusalem and walk down the same path that Jesus took when he entered the city on Palm Sunday. Halfway down the hill we reach the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus spent the night in prayer. Here, Jesus was arrested and began his journey to the cross. This is a profoundly holy place, and we have teaching and time of private prayer in the garden itself. We make our way to the **Church of the Agony**, for teaching. We enter the **Old City via Herod's Gate** and make our way along the **Way of the Cross** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. This afternoon, we visit the **Upper Room**, also known as the **Cenacle**, and is perhaps best known as the traditional site of the **Last Supper**. Our next visit is the **Southern Steps** and experience the virtual room at **Davidson Center** and the **two-millennia-old Pilgrims' Road** excavation in the **City of David**. Our day concludes at the **Western Wall**, where we will be able to pray for all your special intentions. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7: JERUSALEM: EIN GEDI, MASADA, and DEAD SEA

After early breakfast, we depart Jerusalem and make our way east to the **lowest place on Earth**, the **Dead Sea**. Our first stop is at **Ein Gedi**, a lush oasis, which served as David's hideout when he was on the run from King Saul. Here, we retell the story of David sparing Saul's life and hike to the first waterfall in this nature reserve. (1 Samuel 24). Next, we visit **Masada**, where the Jews made their last stand against the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., and we ride the cable car to the top of the fortress built by Herod the Great. Here, we explore the archeology, and enjoy a panoramic view of the Dead Sea framed by the mountains of Moab to the east. This afternoon, we have a self-host lunch at Masada and end our day with a "float" in the **Dead Sea** (optional). This evening, we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 9 - THURSDAY, JUNE 8: JERUSALEM: ST. PETER IN GALlicantu and ISRAEL MUSEUM

After breakfast, we visit **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, for teaching. Next, we will visit the **Israel Museum**, where we view a **replica model of Jerusalem** in the time of Jesus and the **Shrine of the Book**, to learn about the discovery and revelation of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the Old City and shopping, bargaining for olive wood and other items in the colorful markets. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 10 – FRIDAY, JUNE 9: JERUSALEM/ ABU GOSH/ ELAH VALLEY/ JAFFA/ TEL AVIV

After breakfast, we depart Jerusalem and drive to **Abu Gosh** to visit the **White Fathers' Church of the Resurrection** and garden space for a **teaching** on the **journey to Emmaus**. We proceed to **Elah Valley** to see the brook where **King David Slew Goliath** and to hear the story of this site. This evening we gather for our **farewell dinner celebration** that will not soon be forgotten. This will be a time to share our many joys and memories. After dinner we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport. (B, D)

DAY 11 - SATURDAY, JUNE 10: ARRIVE PHOENIX

We return home. Never again will we read the Bible in black & white; now we will read it in living color and Dolby® sound!

NOTE:

- This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on ancient archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and easily climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible and cannot be accessed by persons with limited mobility.
- While we do our best to make sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary or require its alteration, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, traffic, political climate, time constraints, other conditions beyond our control, or changes by your group hosts and/or guides.



Trip Price —\$6,199.00

Trip includes: round trip group coach air from Phoenix; US and Intl. departure taxes; visas for U.S. citizens; group transfers from group flights to group lodgings; accommodation and sightseeing per itinerary; certain meals per itinerary (listed as "B", "L" or "D" in the daily itinerary); entrance fees to sights visited as noted in the itinerary; destination group ground transportation; local guide(s); and all standard taxes and gratuities. Prices based on a **minimum group size of 31**.

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy. The deposit is due at registration. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Full payment must be received by February 15, 2023. All offers are subject to availability, are capacity controlled and may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice.

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This trip requires walking (including on rough and uneven surfaces), climbing stairs and inclines, and at times significant exertion in order to see and experience all aspects of the itinerary.

The itinerary is not suitable for and cannot be fully accessed by persons with limited mobility, including persons who use a wheelchair or walker. Trip members should consult their personal physician for individual assessments and recommendations. Any needed assistance must be provided by the traveler at his/her expense and cannot be provided by Devotion Travel or Arizona Bible Class.

Registration Form

A signed registration form (Seller of Travel disclosures available online) is required from each traveler agreeing to the terms and conditions for the Trip.



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