

ARIZONA BIBLE CLASS PRESENTS...

The Bible in Living Color

Led by: Kevin Saunders



Travel Dates to and from Israel: May 28 – June 7, 2024

From: \$6,199.00 from Phoenix, AZ

Optional Locally Escorted Jordan Extension: June 7 –10, 2024

From: \$2,349.00 from Phoenix, AZ

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

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DAY 1 - TUESDAY, MAY 28: PHOENIX/ TEL AVIV

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

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 29: TEL AVIV

We arrive tonight at Ben Gurion Airport and drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv. Light meal and overnight at our hotel. Plan to get a good night's sleep for tomorrow is a BIG day!

DAY 3 - THURSDAY, MAY 30: TEL AVIV/ CAESAREA MARITIMA/ GALILEE: TABGHA, CAPERNAUM, and MOUNT of BEATITUDES

After breakfast, we 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)! We travel to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Sitting 690 feet below sea level and flanked by mountains. Early afternoon we stop in **Tabgha** at the northwestern shore of the lake, an area intense with Christian memories. Here, we visit the **Church of the Multiplication**, commemorating the first feeding of the multitude, and **Church of the Primacy of St. Peter**. After a self-hosted lunch at a local restaurant, we drive to **Capernaum** where we gather under the trees in the "backyard" of the Apostles—Peter, Andrew, James, and John— for teaching time. We ascend the hill 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. Late this afternoon, we check into our hotel, Magdala Guest House, surrounded by natural beauty and ancient history. The Sea of Galilee becomes our home for the next three nights. We can relax by the shore or take a refreshing swim in the guesthouse pool. Mass will be offered before dinner each evening (attendance optional). (B, D)



DAY 4 - FRIDAY, MAY 31: GALILEE: TEL DAN, CAESAREA PHILIPPI, GOLAN HEIGHTS, BETHSAIDA and MAGDALA

Today, we leave our guesthouse and 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 on the way to the city. 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 restaurant on the tour for a self-hosted lunch. 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 teaching time at every stop (except lunch). This evening we return to our hotel in time for dinner. After dinner, we will visit the **Magdala** excavations and synagogue. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 5 - SATURDAY, JUNE 1: GALILEE: NAZARETH, SEPPHORIS, CANA and SAIL ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

After breakfast, we depart Galilee and drive to the **city of Nazareth**; the place Jesus spend his childhood. Our first stop is Mount Precipice, overlooking the Jezreel Valley, Mount Tabor, the Sea of Galilee and Golan Heights. Next, we visit the Synagogue Church, built on the ruins of the ancient Nazareth synagogue where Jesus studied and prayed. Followed by visits to the Greek and Catholic Churches of Annunciation and Mary's Well. Late this morning we travel to the national park of **Sepphoris**, which was once an important city in the Temple and post-Temple period, to see the **famous mosaic** of the "**Mona Lisa of the Galilee**." Also, here is a **Byzantine Era Synagogue** with a mosaic of the Zodiac signs. We proceed to **Cana** to stop for lunch (self-hosted) and visit to the **Wedding Church**, the location of Jesus's first Miracle (John 2). 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** where we will 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 - SUNDAY, JUNE 2: GALILEE/ MOUNT TABOR/ BEIT SHEAN/ GIDEON SPRINGS/ JERUSALEM

This is our "moving day." This morning 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 visit is **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 proceed to **Gideon Springs** at the foot of Mt. Gilboa to learn the story of the site. We travel to Jerusalem and check into the hotel, our home, for the next four nights. For those who are interested will be able to attend the Catholic Mass at Notre Dame chapel. (B, D)

DAY 7 - MONDAY, JUNE 3: JERUSALEM: MOUNT OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, and BETHLEHEM

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** (also known as the Church of All Nations), for teaching.

Early this afternoon, we make our way to Bethlehem to visit the **Church of the Nativity** and **Shepherds' Field Chapel** to sing Christmas carols as a group. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



DAY 8 - TUESDAY, JUNE 4: 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-hosted lunch 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 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5: JERUSALEM: OLD CITY

This morning, we visit the **Upper Room**, also known as the **Cenacle**, and is perhaps best known as the traditional site of the Last Supper. Next, we visit **St. Peter in Gallicantu**, for teaching. We stop to view the **Bethesda Pool**, where Jesus heals the paralytic man in the Gospel of John, is a complex site. We walk the **Way of the Cross** to the

Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After lunch on our own in the Jewish Quarter, we visit the **Western Wall**, where we will be able to pray for all your special intentions. We then tour the **Southern Wall excavations**, where we watch the film at the **Davidson Guest Center** and explore the excavations. Next, we visit the **City of David**, the ancient part of the city that dates back to the Old Testament. 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 – THURSDAY, JUNE 6: JERUSALEM: ISRAEL MUSEUM/ ABU GOSH/ EMMAUS/ ELAH VALLEY/ JAFFA/ TEL AVIV

After breakfast, we checkout of our hotel and 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**. We depart Jerusalem and drive to **Abu Gosh** to visit the **White Fathers' Church of the Resurrection** and garden space for 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 arrive in the ancient port city of **Jaffa** and enjoy a walking tour in the **walled Old City**, which is filled with artists' galleries, antique shops, and 18th century buildings. We gather at a local restaurant for our **farewell dinner celebration** that will soon not be forgotten. This will be a time to share our many joys and memories. Tonight, we transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv. (B, D)

DAY 11 - FRIDAY, JUNE 7: TEL AVIV/ PHOENIX

Early this morning we transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport to check in for our return flights home. Never again will we read the Bible in black & white; now we will read it in living color and Dolby® sound! (B)

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.



Optional Locally Hosted Jordan Extension

From: \$2,349.00 based on share twin.

(Minimum Group size: 10)

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DAY 11 – FRIDAY, JUNE 07: JERUSALEM/ ALLENBY BRIDGE CROSSING/ BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN/ MT. NEBO/ MACHAERUS/ MADABA/ PETRA

Early this morning we depart Israel for Jordan, marveling at the breathtaking Jordanian desert landscape while learning about the history and legends of the area. After crossing the Allenby Bridge into Jordan, we will meet our Jordanian guide after clearing security and customs. Our first stop is at **Bethany Beyond the Jordan**, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. We travel west to Mt. Nebo, where we will have a magnificent view of the Promised Land, as Moses saw it. We continue to **Machaerus** (Mukawir), where John the Baptist was beheaded by Herod Antipas. Our next stop is **Madaba, the city of mosaics** and Moabite town of Madaba of the Bible. We visit the Greek Orthodox **Basilica of St. George** to see the **Ancient Holy Land Map**, a floor mosaic dating to the 6th century AD and a treasure of early Christianity. We continue onto Petra, "the Red Rose City," which was the target of a dreadful prophecy in the book of Obadiah and it served as the capital of the ancient Nabatean Kingdom. In biblical times, Petra was part of the Edomite Kingdom, founded by Jacob's brother Esau. We end our day at our hotel in Petra, with dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 12 - SATURDAY, JUNE 08: PETRA

After breakfast, we visit Petra, a 2000-year-old Nabatean city. We will walk a short half-mile through the narrow passageway with cliffs on either side (called the "Siq"). At the end of the Siq appears Petra's most impressive monument,

the **Treasury, carved out of the solid rock**. This well-preserved site appears in the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade." A walk further down through the Outer Siq with all its tombs and burial chambers brings us to one of the largest theaters in Jordan, a **3000-seat theater** from the early first century carved in the sandstone mountains at the bottom of the High Place of Sacrifice. Apparently, some sacrificial rituals had taken place here. From here, we walk uphill to the Royal Tombs for a great view of the lower part of Petra with all its Roman remains. We are in the heart of the Seir Mountains, Land of Edomites, mentioned in the Bible in Genesis. These mountains house the Aaron Peak, the highest in **Petra and the burial place of Moses'** brother Aaron. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



DAY 13 – SUNDAY, JUNE 09: PETRA/ JERASH/ AMMAN

This morning we depart Petra and drive to the **ancient city of Jerash**. Near Jerash the road crosses the biblical Jabbok River. It was near the Jabbok River where Jacob wrestled with the God in Genesis. We will tour Jerash. This city is one of the world's best-preserved of a Roman provincial city. It is estimated to have had a population of 20,000 people, was a **Decapolis city**, and was one of the wealthiest cities of the Roman Empire. This evening we check into our hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight., (B, D)

DAY 14 – MONDAY, JUNE 10,: AMMAN/ PHOENIX

Early this morning we transfer to the Amman Airport for our flights home, filled with wonderful memories, a renewal of our faith and new friendships. Never again will we read the Bible in black and white; now we will read it in living color and Dolby® sound!

Trip Price —\$6,199.00 based on share twin

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 30 for Israel and minimum group size of 10 for Jordan.**

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

Trip price does **not** include airline baggage charges, travel insurance cost, individual transfers, optional items or personal expenses, or other items not listed as included in the itinerary. Lunches, meals/dinners not listed on the itinerary as included, and beverages at all meals are not included.

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From registration until January 3, 2024, fee is \$500.00.

From January 4, 2024- February 8, 2024, fee is 100% of deposit(s).

Final payment due: February 9, 2024.

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From April 6 - March 21, 2024 – cancellation fee is 75% of Trip price.

On/after March 22, 2024 -- 100% cancellation fee (no refund).

If final payment is not received by February 9, 2024, a late payment fee of \$250 will be assessed or we may cancel your registration and refund your payment, less applicable cancellation fee.

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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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