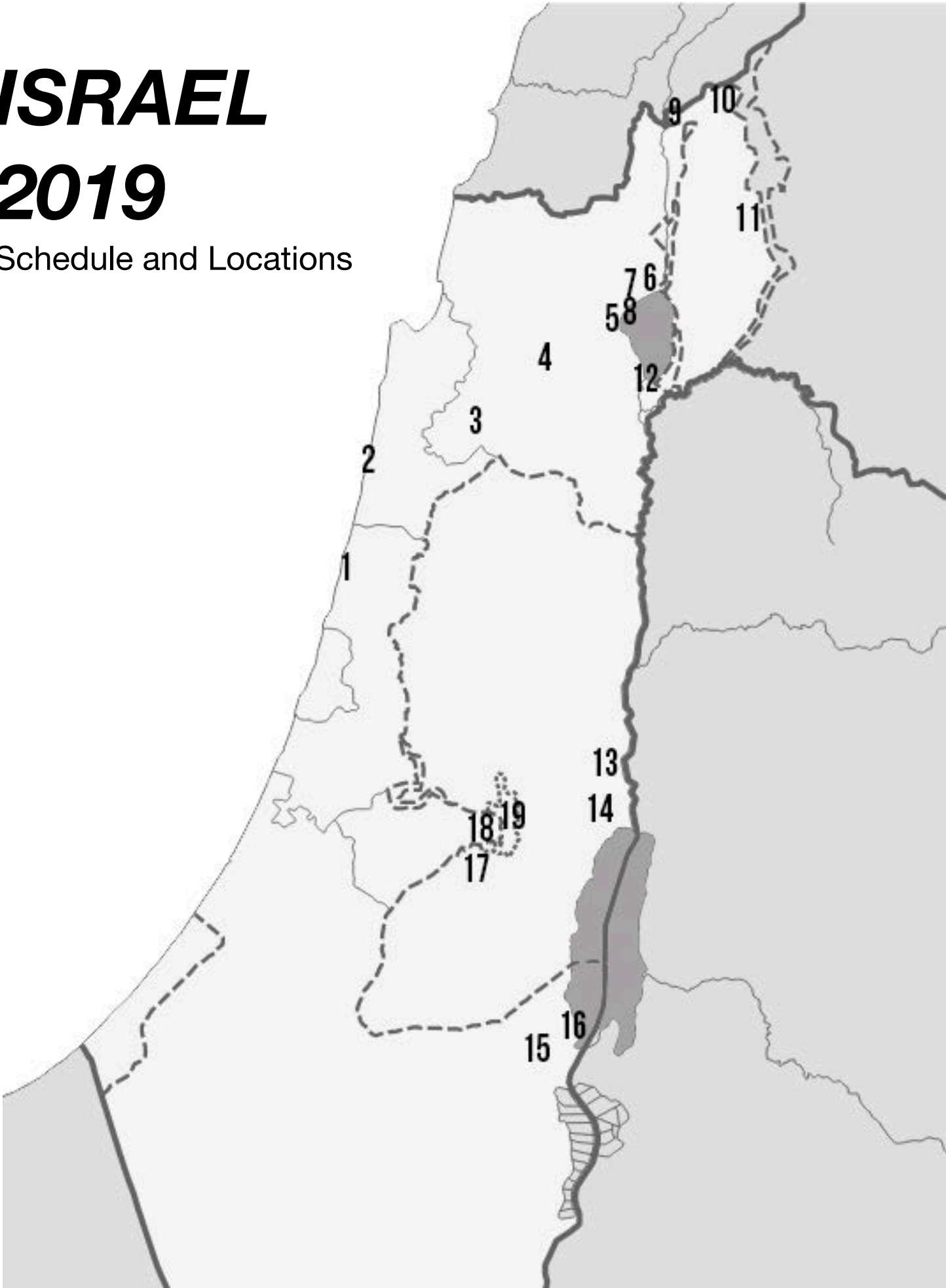


# ***ISRAEL***

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Schedule and Locations



## **Tues, Feb 19**

Leave USA

## **Wed, Feb 20**

**1)** Once you arrive, you be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Netanya to enjoy dinner and overnight.

## **Thurs, Feb 21**

**2)** Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a center of early Christianity (Acts 10)

### ***Cornelius Calls for Peter***

**10** In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer<sup>[a]</sup> named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. **2** He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God. **3** One afternoon about three o'clock, he had a vision in which he saw an angel of God coming toward him. "Cornelius!" the angel said.

**4** Cornelius stared at him in terror. "What is it, sir?" he asked the angel.

And the angel replied, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering! **5** Now send some men to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. **6** He is staying with Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore."

**7** As soon as the angel was gone, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier, one of his personal attendants. **8** He told them what had happened and sent them off to Joppa.

and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 23:33).

### ***Paul Is Sent to Caesarea***

**23** Then the commander called two of his officers and ordered, "Get 200 soldiers ready to leave for Caesarea at nine o'clock tonight. Also take 200 spearmen and 70 mounted troops. **24** Provide horses for Paul to ride, and get him safely to Governor Felix." **25** Then he wrote this letter to the governor:

**26** "From Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency, Governor Felix: Greetings!

**27** "This man was seized by some Jews, and they were about to kill him when I arrived with the troops. When I learned that he was a Roman citizen, I removed him to safety. **28** Then I took him to their high council to try to learn the basis of the accusations against him. **29** I soon discovered the charge was something regarding their religious law—certainly nothing worthy of imprisonment or death. **30** But when I was informed of a plot to kill him, I immediately sent him on to you. I have told his accusers to bring their charges before you."

**31** So that night, as ordered, the soldiers took Paul as far as Antipatris. **32** They returned to the fortress the next morning, while the mounted troops took him on to Caesarea.

View Mount Carmel and recall Elijah's dramatic victory over the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18).

**16** So Obadiah went to tell Ahab that Elijah had come, and Ahab went out to meet Elijah. **17** When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, "So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?"

**18** "I have made no trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "You and your family are the troublemakers, for you have refused to obey the commands of the Lord and have worshiped the images of Baal instead. **19** Now summon all Israel to join me at Mount Carmel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah who are supported by Jezebel.<sup>[a]</sup>"

**20** So Ahab summoned all the people of Israel and the prophets to Mount Carmel. **21** Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent.

**22** Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only prophet of the Lord who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets. **23** Now bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose whichever one they wish and cut it into pieces and lay it on the wood of their altar, but without setting fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood on the altar, but not set fire to it. **24** Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is the true God!" And all the people agreed.

**25** Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "You go first, for there are many of you. Choose one of the bulls, and prepare it and call on the name of your god. But do not set fire to the wood."

**26** So they prepared one of the bulls and placed it on the altar. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noontime, shouting, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no reply of any kind. Then they danced, hobbling around the altar they had made.

**27** About noontime Elijah began mocking them. "You'll have to shout louder," he scoffed, "for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is daydreaming, or is relieving himself.<sup>[b]</sup> Or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be wakened!"

**28** So they shouted louder, and following their normal custom, they cut themselves with knives and swords until the blood gushed out. **29** They raved all afternoon until the time of the evening sacrifice, but still there was no sound, no reply, no response.

**30** Then Elijah called to the people, "Come over here!" They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down. **31** He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel,<sup>[c]</sup> **32** and he used the stones to rebuild the altar in the name of the Lord. Then he dug a trench around the altar large enough to hold about three gallons.<sup>[d]</sup> **33** He piled wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid the pieces on the wood.<sup>[e]</sup>

Then he said, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood."

**34** After they had done this, he said, "Do the same thing again!" And when they were finished, he said, "Now do it a third time!" So they did as he said, **35** and the water ran around the altar and even filled the trench.

**36** At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,<sup>[f]</sup> prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. **37** O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."

**38** Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! **39** And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!"

**3)** Follow an ancient caravan route through the Jezreel Valley to Tel Megiddo, an exciting archeological dig with layers of twenty different cities, all built on top of each other.

**4)** Conclude your day in Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matt. 2:23).

#### ***The Return to Nazareth***

**19** When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. **20** "Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead."

**21** So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. **22** But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. **23** So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: "He will be called a Nazarene."

## **Fri, Feb 22**

**5)** Pass through the Valley of the Doves and see Mount Arbel (Isaiah 9:2) on your way towards the Sea of Galilee. This was a major pathway in the time of Christ. He and his disciples passed through this valley as they walked through the Galilee.

### **Hope in the Messiah**

**9** [a]Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-3), visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

### **Women Who Followed Jesus**

**8** Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, **2** along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; **3** Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.

Enjoy lunch together before crossing the waters of the Sea of Galilee on a very special boat ride, complete with an onboard worship service.

**6)** At Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, see the 2,000-year-old “Ancient Boat,” a rare example of the kind of boat in which Jesus might have sailed.

**7)** Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus’ ministry in the Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23).

### **The Ministry of Jesus Begins**

**12** When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee. **13** He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. **14** This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah:

**15** “In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali,  
beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River,  
in Galilee where so many Gentiles live,

**16** the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light.

And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow,  
a light has shined.”[f]

**17** From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.[g]”

### **Crowds Follow Jesus**

**23** Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. **24** News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all.

**25** Large crowds followed him wherever he went—people from Galilee, the Ten Towns,[h] Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River.

On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7).

### **The Sermon on the Mount**

**5** One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, **2** and he began to teach them.

#### **The Beatitudes**

**3** “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,[a]  
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

**4** God blesses those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

- 5 God blesses those who are humble,  
for they will inherit the whole earth.
- 6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,<sup>[b]</sup>  
for they will be satisfied.
- 7 God blesses those who are merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure,  
for they will see God.
- 9 God blesses those who work for peace,  
for they will be called the children of God.
- 10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,  
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
- 11 “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. 12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

**Teaching about Salt and Light**

**Teaching about the Law**

**Teaching about Anger**

**Teaching about Adultery**

**Teaching about Divorce**

**Teaching about Vows**

**Teaching about Revenge**

**Teaching about Love for Enemies**

**Teaching about Giving to the Needy**

**Teaching about Prayer and Fasting**

**Teaching about Money and Possessions**

**Do Not Judge Others**

**Effective Prayer**

**The Golden Rule**

**The Narrow Gate**

**The Tree and Its Fruit**

**True Disciples**

**Building on a Solid Foundation**

**8) Explore the Church of the Fish and the Loaves at Tabgha, traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17).**

**Jesus Feeds Five Thousand**

10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. 11 But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick.

12 Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, “Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place.”

13 But Jesus said, “You feed them.”

“But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?” 14 For there were about 5,000 men there.

Jesus replied, “Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each.” 15 So the people all sat down. 16 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. 17 They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers!

**Sat, Feb 23**

**9) At the ruins of Tel Dan, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the “House of David” fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered.**



### **Jeroboam Makes Gold Calves**

**25** Jeroboam then built up the city of Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and it became his capital. Later he went and built up the town of Peniel.[c]

**26** Jeroboam thought to himself, "Unless I am careful, the kingdom will return to the dynasty of David. **27** When these people go to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices at the Temple of the Lord, they will again give their allegiance to King Rehoboam of Judah. They will kill me and make him their king instead."

**28** So on the advice of his counselors, the king made two gold calves. He said to the people,[d] "It is too much trouble for you to worship in Jerusalem. Look, Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of Egypt!"

**29** He placed these calf idols in Bethel and in Dan—at either end of his kingdom. **30** But this became a great sin, for the people worshiped the idols, traveling as far north as Dan to worship the one there.

**10)** Continue on to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt.16: 16).

### **Peter's Declaration about Jesus**

**13** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"[c]

**14** "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

**15** Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

**16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,[d] the Son of the living God."

**17** Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John,[e] because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. **18** Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'),[f] and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell[g] will not conquer it. **19** And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid[h] on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit[i] on earth will be permitted in heaven."

**11)** A scenic drive along the Golan Heights will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan, as well as, Israel.

**12)** Remember your baptism at the Yardenit Baptismal site, where the Jordan River exits the Sea of Galilee on its journey southward (Matt. 3).

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

**13** Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. **14** But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"

**15** But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.[f]" So John agreed to baptize him.

**16** After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened[g] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

## **Sun, Feb 24**

**13)** Head to Jericho to visit the ruins of the ancient city Joshua conquered (Josh. 6:20).

**15** On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn and marched around the town as they had done before. But this time they went around the town seven times. **16** The seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the town! **17** Jericho and everything in it must be completely destroyed[a] as an offering to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies.

**18** “Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. **19** Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the Lord and must be brought into his treasury.”

**20** When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it. **21** They completely destroyed everything in it with their swords—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, goats, and donkeys.

Off in the distance, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4:1).

#### **The Temptation of Jesus**

**4** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. **2** For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

**3** During that time the devil<sup>[a]</sup> came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.”

**4** But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’<sup>[b]</sup>”

**5** Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, **6** and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you.

And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’<sup>[c]</sup>”

**7** Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’<sup>[d]</sup>”

**8** Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”

**10** “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’<sup>[e]</sup>”

**11** Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

**14)** Stop in Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd.

**15)** Enjoy a visit to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod that later became the final tragic stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore the fortress and look down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below.

**16)** On the way to Jerusalem, stop at the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, for an opportunity to take a quick dip in the mineral-laden waters.

## **Mon, Feb 25**

**17)** In Bethlehem, gaze out over Shepherd’s Field and visit the cave revered as Jesus’ birthplace (Luke 2:1-20).

**6** And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

#### **The Shepherds and Angels**

**8** That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. **9** Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **10** but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I

*bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”*

Visit the Church of the Nativity, built above the cave and considered the world’s oldest functioning church.

**18)** In Jerusalem, visit Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust Memorial, with its poignant exhibits honoring the lives lost during the Holocaust. Explore the Israel Museum and its First Century Model of the City of Jerusalem. Another highlight is the museum’s Shrine of the Book exhibit showcasing the Dead Sea Scroll book of Isaiah.

## **Tues, Feb 26**

**19)** Stand on the Mount of Olives for a remarkable view of Jerusalem (the Golden City); Jesus stood here before ascending into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12).

### ***The Ascension of Jesus***

**6** So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

**7** He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**9** After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. **10** As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. **11** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

### ***Matthias Replaces Judas***

**12** Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile.

[c] **13** When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying.

**18)** In the Kidron Valley across from the walls of Jerusalem, pray as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36).

### ***Jesus Prays in Gethsemane***

**36** Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” **37** He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. **38** He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

**39** He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:57).

### ***Jesus before the Council***

**57** Then the people who had arrested Jesus led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered. **58** Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest’s courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end.



**59** Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council<sup>[h]</sup> were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put him to death. **60** But even though they found many who agreed to give false witness, they could not use anyone's testimony. Finally, two men came forward **61** who declared, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" **62** Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?" **63** But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I demand in the name of the living God—tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." **64** Jesus replied, "You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand<sup>[i]</sup> and coming on the clouds of heaven."<sup>[j]</sup> **65** Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Blasphemy! Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. **66** What is your verdict?" "Guilty!" they shouted. "He deserves to die!" **67** Then they began to spit in Jesus' face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him, **68** jeering, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who hit you that time?"

Recall the events of the Last Supper as you visit the traditional location of the Upper Room (Mark 14:12-26).

### ***The Last Supper***

**12** On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?"

**13** So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. **14** At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' **15** He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." **16** So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there.

**17** In the evening Jesus arrived with the Twelve. **18** As they were at the table<sup>[c]</sup> eating, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me."

**19** Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?"

**20** He replied, "It is one of you twelve who is eating from this bowl with me. **21** For the Son of Man<sup>[d]</sup> must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!"

**22** As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."

**23** And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. **24** And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant<sup>[e]</sup> between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. **25** I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God."

**26** Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Spend time in prayer at the Western Wall (the only remnant of the Second Temple of Jerusalem) and sit on the Teaching Steps where Jesus taught.

## **Wed, Feb 27**

**18)** Walk the Temple Mount (conditions permitting), once the site of the Temple of Solomon (II Chronicles 3)

### ***Solomon Builds the Temple***

**3** So Solomon began to build the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to David, his father. The Temple was built on the threshing floor of Araunah<sup>[a]</sup> the Jebusite, the site that David had selected.

and home to the Dome of the Rock. See where Jesus healed on the Sabbath at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-18),

### **Jesus Heals a Lame Man**

**5** Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. **2** Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda,<sup>[a]</sup> with five covered porches. **3** Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.<sup>[b]</sup> **5** One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

**7** “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

**8** Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” **9** Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath,

Walk the Via Dolorosa ("the Way of the Cross") to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (John 19),

**15** “Away with him,” they yelled. “Away with him! Crucify him!”

“What? Crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the leading priests shouted back.

**16** Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified.

### **The Crucifixion**

So they took Jesus away. **17** Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). **18** There they nailed him to the cross.

built over the traditional sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. At the Garden Tomb, share communion together and experience the reality of the Resurrection (John 20).

### **The Resurrection**

**20** Early on Sunday morning,<sup>[a]</sup> while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. **2** She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

**3** Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. **4** They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. **6** Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, **7** while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. **8** Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— **9** for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead.

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