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# CHLF Missional Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine

with Matt Nance & Mark Ziese

February 3 - 13, 2022



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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOST

### Matt Nance

Matt Nance is the executive director of the Christian HolyLand Foundation (CHLF). Matt and his family lived full-time in Jordan for eight years working with Syrian and Iraqi refugees before transitioning to CHLF in early 2020. Matt is an adjunct professor of inter-cultural studies at Johnson University and is completing a Ph.D. at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies in England. CHLF partners with the Christians who call the Holy Land home to plant churches and proclaim the gospel in the land where Jesus walked. On this trip, you will have the opportunity to meet and spend time with local believers and get a first-hand look at the communities where they minister.



## ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR...

### Mark Ziese

Dr. Ziese joined the Johnson University faculty in 2014 as Professor of Old Testament and is a familiar face within the academic communities of Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Dr. Ziese has participated in archaeological fieldwork in the Middle East since 1984. He was named a Fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem in 2011. Meet him at [www.markziese.com](http://www.markziese.com)

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 (Thur) February 3 - Depart USA

Depart the USA for the Biblical Heartland

## Day 2 (Fri) February 4 - Arrive in Tel Aviv

Unwind, go for a stroll, and enjoy lunch in Old Jaffa. Peer down upon an ancient harbor used from the Bronze Age to the present. Consider biblical memories of the region and its port. Transfer to your hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

## Day 3 (Sat) February 5 - Caesarea-by-the-Sea, Mt Carmel, Megiddo

Travel to Caesarea-by-the-Sea, a site built as the imperial center for the Roman government. Its harbor, theater, and marbled streets signal the arrival of foreign occupation in the Heartland, and, not surprisingly, the beginning point for Christianity in the Gentile world. Visit Mt. Carmel where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. Visit the site of Megiddo, an ancient command post. Many battles were waged in its shadow, including those of Israelite kings and Egyptian pharaohs. Overnight in Tiberias

## Day 4 (Sun) February 6 - Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt Beatitudes, Magdala, Evening church and pitch-in dinner in Cana.

Dawn comes early as you board a wooden boat and ride across the Sea of Galilee. Debark at Capernaum, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry. From Capernaum travel to other nearby places linked to specific Gospel moments: the calling of the disciples, miracle feedings, the Sermon on the Mount, and the restoration of Peter. End the day's sites at Magdala, an industrial site on the edge of the Sea of Galilee. View impressive remains that illustrate the fishing industry from the time of Christ. Visit the 1st century synagogue, a place possibly visited by Jesus himself. In the evening, worship with the believers in Cana and enjoy a pitch-in dinner afterward. Overnight in Tiberias.

## Day 5 (Mon) February 7 - Nazareth, Nazareth Village, Annunciation Church, Sepphoris

Spend a day in the rolling hills of Galilee visiting sites and people linked to the Christian movement. Visit Sepphoris, an opulent Galilean capital from the Roman and Byzantine Periods. Continue to Nazareth. There, explore Nazareth Village, a living display of lifeways in biblical times. Enjoy lunch in Nazareth with the CHLF team. In the afternoon, walk through the Church of the Annunciation, a structure built over the traditional home of Jesus. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

## Day 6 (Tue) February 8 - Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Nimrod, Golan Heights

Experience the beauty of the far north. Leave Galilee behind and travel to the site of Tel Dan. Here an Israelite "high place," gate complex, and fortification walls are visible. Continue to the birthplace of Jordan River at Pania, named after the goat-god, Pan. Consider the nearby site of Caesarea Philippi where Peter declared Jesus to be "the Christ." Finally, climb into the heights of Mt. Hermon, a snowy peak that marks the highest spot in all the Heartland. From a castle built in the crusader period, take in a view to the region where Jesus was transfigured. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.



**Day 7 (Wed) February 9 - Samaria, Nablus, Jordan River, Qumran, Jericho**

Transition from the northern reaches of the country to the south by means of the middle. Climb into the rugged center of the land, stopping at the sites of Samaria and Jacob's Well. Continue to the Jordan Valley for a personal experience with the Jordan River. Peek toward caves at Qumran and hear the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Finally, explore the ruins at Jericho where the walls came a 'tumblin' down. Dinner and overnight in Beit Jala.



**Day 8 (Thur) February 10 - Temple Mount, Western Wall, Davidson Center, City of David**

This morning consider the roots of Jerusalem as a sacred city to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Walk on the Temple Mount where Solomon's glorious temple once stood and Muslims continue to pray today. Experience the Western Wall, a place of meditation and celebration. Go underground and witness Jerusalem's earliest remains, including a Canaanite wall, the possible site of David's palace, and a spectacular water system (conditions permitting) that terminates in the Pool of Siloam. Dinner and overnight in Beit Jala.



**Day 9 (Fri) February 11 - Mt Olives, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem's Old City**

Begin this day on the Mt. of Olives with a view to the Old City of Jerusalem, Walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. Enter the Old City and walk the path of the Via Dolorosa. Along the way, visit the Pool of Bethesda, the Church of St Anne and Ecce Homo. Finally, visit the site dubbed the most sacred in all Christianity: the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Here, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus are celebrated. Dinner and overnight in Beit Jala.



These are the six couples that have been partnering with CHLF since 2006 to serve the people in their communities with the love of Jesus and message of the Gospel.

**Day 10 (Sat) February 12 - Bethlehem, Shepherds' Field, Nativity Church, Bethlehem Bible College**

On our last morning visit the Shepherds' Field outside of Bethlehem. Here, the Good News was first heard. Continue to Bethlehem and experience the place where the Christian story begins: the Church of the Nativity. Visit with friends and learn about the ministry of Bethlehem Bible College. Return to hotel for evening meal, packing, and transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the USA.



**Day 11 (Sun) February 13 - Depart Tel Aviv**

