



Note that the slide border color changes each day.



How big is Israel? – It is the size of New Jersey. 270 miles from northern most to southern most point. That is like driving from Cleveland, Ohio to Florence, KY. Israel is 85 miles wide at its widest. Excluding the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights.



## Travel to Israel Logistics

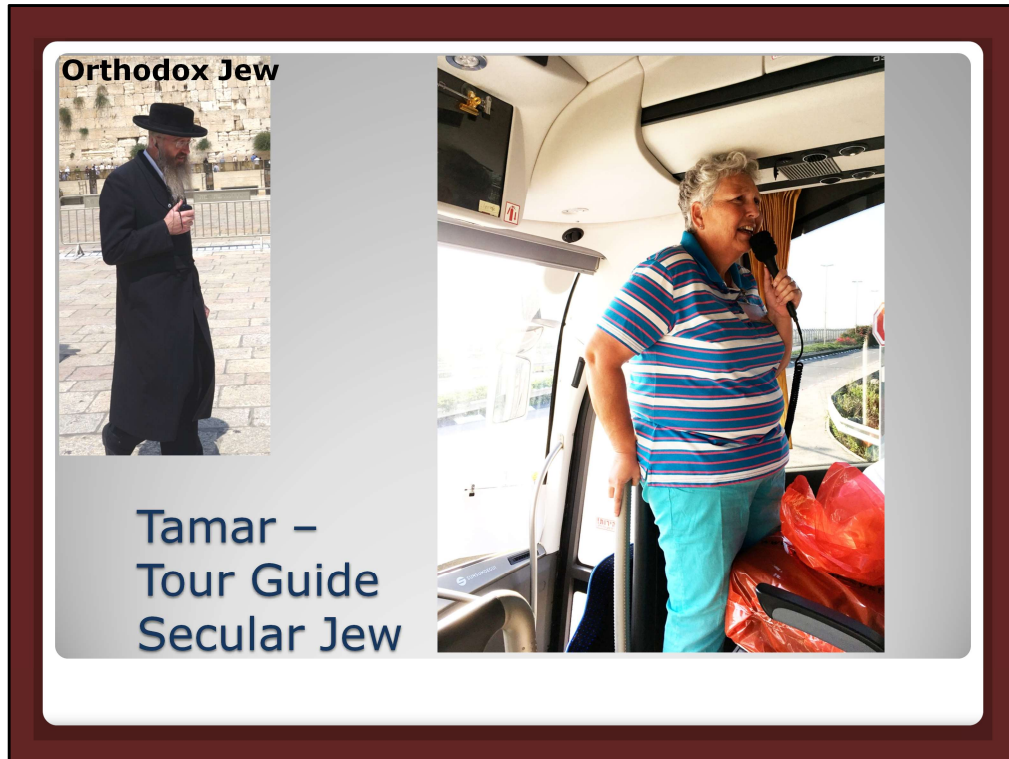
- Flew to Newark, NJ
- After a short layover, we left at 11:30 pm for Tel Aviv. (United)
- 10 ½ hour flight
- 7 hour time difference
- Arrived in Tel Aviv at 4:30 pm



We left home at around 4:00 EST on Monday, flew to Newark, NJ, then left between 11 pm and 11:30. 10 ½ hour flight to Tel Aviv. We lost 7 hours because of the time difference so we arrived at 4:30pm Tel Aviv time which was 9:30 am EST.



This map shows the route. Southern Israel is desert. Gaza is where the battling was happening. We went up to the north to the borders of Lebanon and Syria.



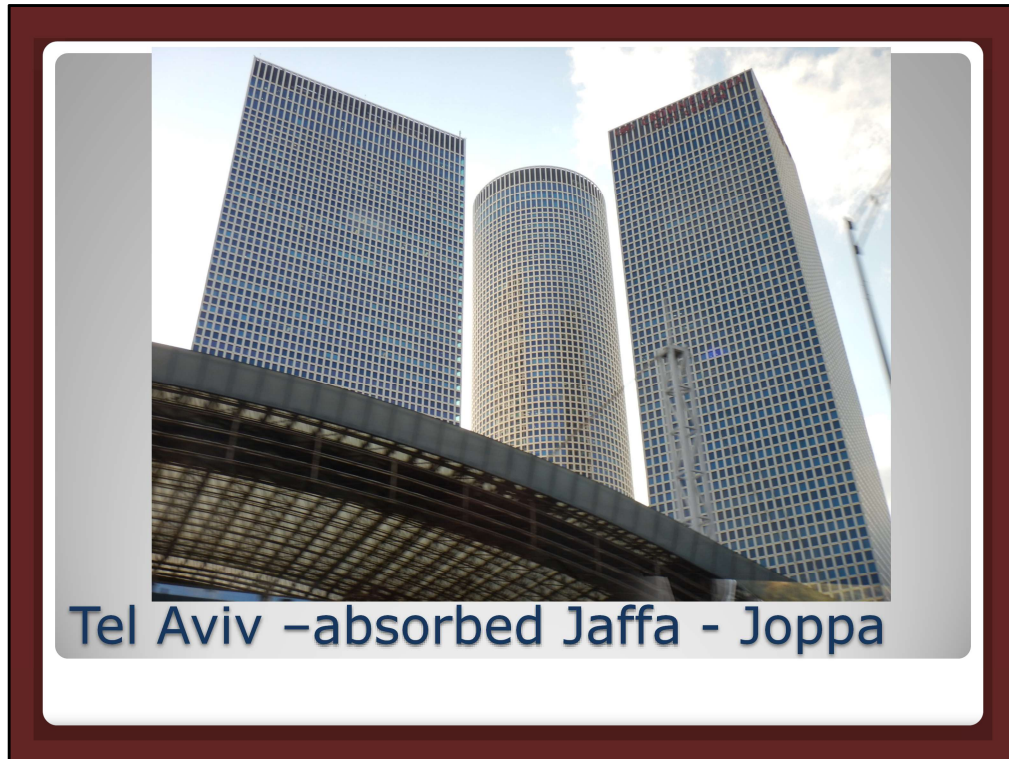
Tamar - Tour Guide – Secular Jew (80/20)  
Lived in a Kibbutz – Children raised with  
other kids and not with their parents

Kibbutz do a large amount of research –  
scientific, agricultural, desalination of water. .

She knew so much about Christianity,  
Catholicism, Judaism.

Pastor Larry said each of his 3 trips were  
different. This trip was the most educational.





Tel Aviv – founded 1909 – means “Ancient Hill of Spring” - around ½ million people. Tel is Ancient Hill or archeological hill.

It is a modern city – with high rise buildings.

Tel Aviv absorbed Jaffa/Joppa.

Jaffa/Joppa is mentioned in the Bible

The timbers for the Temples came through the port at Joppa.

Jonah left for Tarshish instead of Ninevah from the port at Joppa.

Acts mentions that Peter raised Tabitha from the dead. She was a Jewish woman who "abounded in good deeds and gifts of mercy". Peter also had his vision in Joppa that led him to Caesarea by the Sea to lead the first Gentile to Christ. Cornelius a Roman Centurion and his family.



Signs in Israeli cities have info in Hebrew, Arabic and English.



Netanya

Coastal city

City founded in 1920's

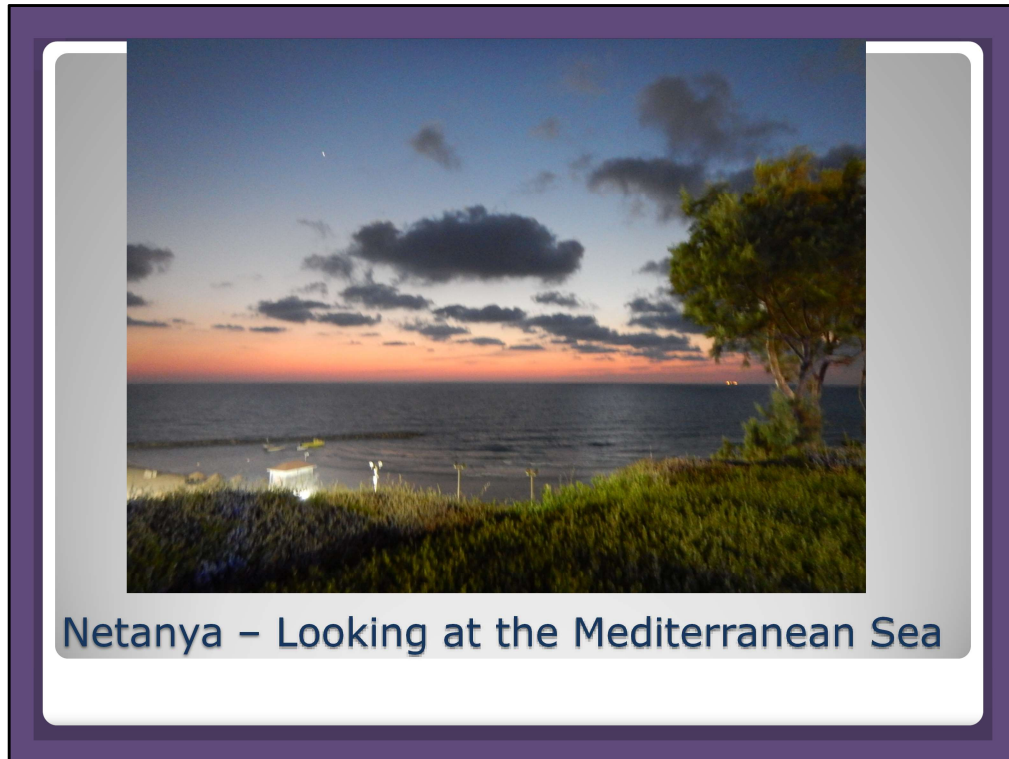
Named for Nathan Straus of Macy's

Means "God given"

We spent 1 night

80+% Jews – Just like Israel or Jerusalem





Netanya - Coastal city –  
Photo of the Mediterranean Sea



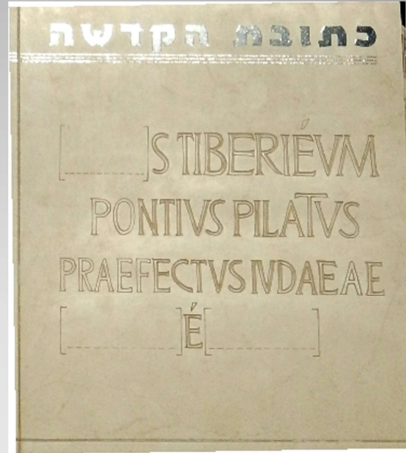
Caesarea by the Sea

## Caesarea by the Sea

Note that Roman sculptures are of people. Not so for Israelite.

Beautiful Palace built by Herod the Great  
Built by a Hebrew leader for the Romans. - 22  
B.C.

Herod the Great's mother was an Israelite.  
His dad was Roman. He wasn't accepted by  
either. Built this port for the Romans.



Stone sign naming Pontius Pilate as the prefect found in Caesarea

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Caesarea by the sea - Theater – Paul would have stood before Governor Marcus Antonius Felix and High Priest Ananias here, as well as, King Agrippa Acts 25.

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Paul was transported to Rome from this port because he was a Roman citizen.

Hillsong Church's worship group has had numerous concerts in this theater.



Caesarea by the Sea  
Palace remains

## Palace Ruins

What the Bible says about Caesarea by the Sea

While in Joppa, Peter had a vision from God that told him “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.” He went an Caesarea by the sea and baptized Cornelius the centurion and baptized the first Gentiles. Acts 10



Caesarea by the Sea  
Palace remains of the pool.

This struck me as out of the ordinary. Just because of the time. Yes, they bathed but this looks like an olympic sized swimming pool.





Caesarea by the sea  
Hippodrome

The port had its own hippodrome. A hippodrome is for horse or chariot racing. The next slide shows the best example of a hippodrome.



"Ben Hur" - Hippodrome

Most people are familiar with the hippodrome in the movie Ben Hur where there were chariot racing.



Caesarea by the sea  
Aqueduct

Herod the Great had some amazing engineers. You see an example here and will see more in the mountain fortress of Masada. The aqueduct was used to bring fresh water to Caesarea by the Sea.

This section of the aqueduct was preserved because it was buried by sand. Anything left exposed to the elements was destroyed.



Caesarea by the Sea - Aqueduct

This is a Public fountain showing the way an aqueduct works.



Caesarea by the sea  
Not Biblical but McD's was there.

We saw a McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Pizza Hut in Israel.



These pictures taken as we were driving to Megiddo show the variety of terrain that we saw in Israel. These regions didn't match the Land of Milk and Honey in the Promised Land.





Tel Megiddo – Kaitlyn modeling Layers of Archaeology (26 layers)

A Tel is a archaeological hill. In this slide our tour guide is illustrating how a Tel becomes a Tel with Kaitlyn's help. The hats represent civilizations built when the previous one was defeated. In all there are 26 layers or civilizations stacked one on the other.



Ruins at Tel Megiddo – For the Jewish Kings the Tel had all of the requirements including an altar. King Ahab and King Josiah died here at Tel Megiddo.

We saw everything from an altar to horse stables.



This region is the opposite of what we saw while driving here. The Jezreel Valley is a fertile region. The valley goes on for miles. Napoleon said of the Jezreel Valley that all of the armies of the world could fit here.

Revelation 16:16 speaks of the Battle of Armageddon to take place near Megiddo between Jesus and the Armies of the earth. 16:16 *“Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”*



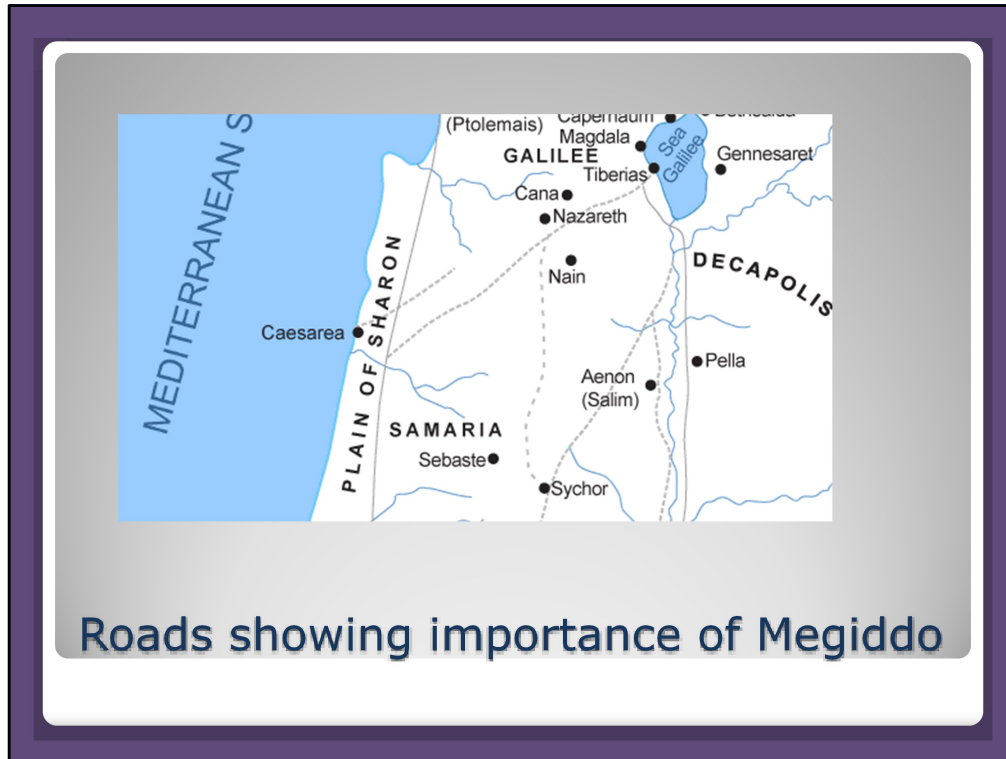
Jezreel Valley with Mt. Tabor in the background (Nazareth). Church of the Transfiguration. Luke 9:28-36

What does the Bible say about the Jezreel valley and Tel Megiddo

King Solomon fortified it as one of his chariot cities.  
King Ahab and Jezebel made it their chief residence.

King Ahazi'ah and King Josiah died here. Kings 9:27 also – *“When King Ahazi'ah of Judah saw what was happening, he fled by way of the garden house. . . But he continued his flight to Megiddo and died there.”*  
*Josiah - 2 Chronicles 35:20-27*

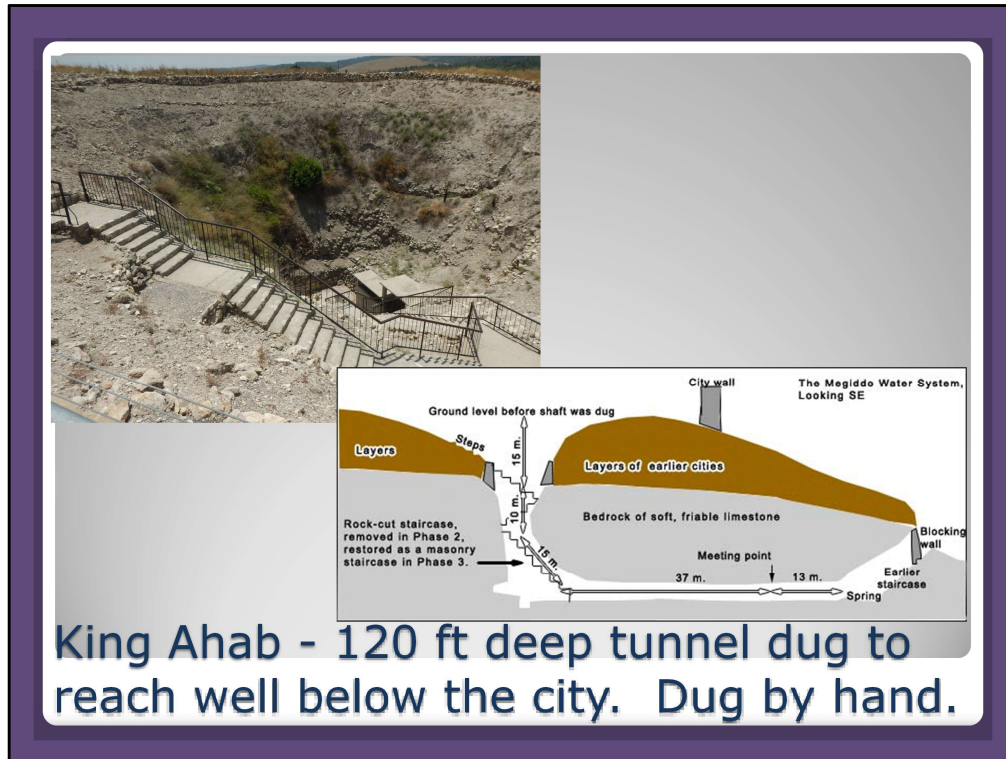
*Peter, James and John went on a mountain to Jesus glorified. They saw Elijah and Moses.*



The gray lines are highways. These highways were here even in Old Testament times. At the fork of the Y is Tel Megiddo. It was believed that if you controlled Tel Megiddo then you controlled this region.

An Egyptian king said that controlling Tel Megiddo was like having control of 10 cities.





I spoke of Herod the Great's engineers. King Ahab had his people dig down 120 feet and then across to a spring to make water access a spring at the bottom of the Tel. Just as the did in Jerusalem for King Hezzekiah. They started from both sides and met in the middle.





Nazareth

After Tel Megiddo we made our way to Nazareth. Jesus spent his childhood there. Mary and Joseph were raised there also.



**Nazareth** - Church of the  
Annunciation – Completed in 1969.

This is the Church of the Annunciation – Announcement to Mary completed in 1969.

It marks the location where the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will be the mother of the Son of God in Luke 1.



**Nazareth** - Church of the  
Annunciation – House of Mary

The lower level of the Church of the Annunciation enshrines a sunken grotto that contains the traditional cave-home of the Virgin Mary.



**Nazareth** - Church of the  
Annunciation

This is the worship area of the church.

This is also the start of the unbelievable number of churches built on holy sites throughout Israel. The fourth century 'Byzantine' (late Roman) churches built at these sites became known as the 'Helena churches'. Queen Helena was a Christian and converted her son Constantine the Great to Christianity. She came to Israel and had churches built. Many of them were destroyed and then were rebuilt.

**Nazareth -**  
Church of the  
Annunciation –  
“Immaculate  
Conception” –  
Charles Madden -  
U.S. gift



To commemorate this church, 43 nations donated artwork/mozaics of Mary to the church.

This is the US gift. Charles Madden –  
Maple Glen, PA





Church of the Annunciation –  
Neighborhood

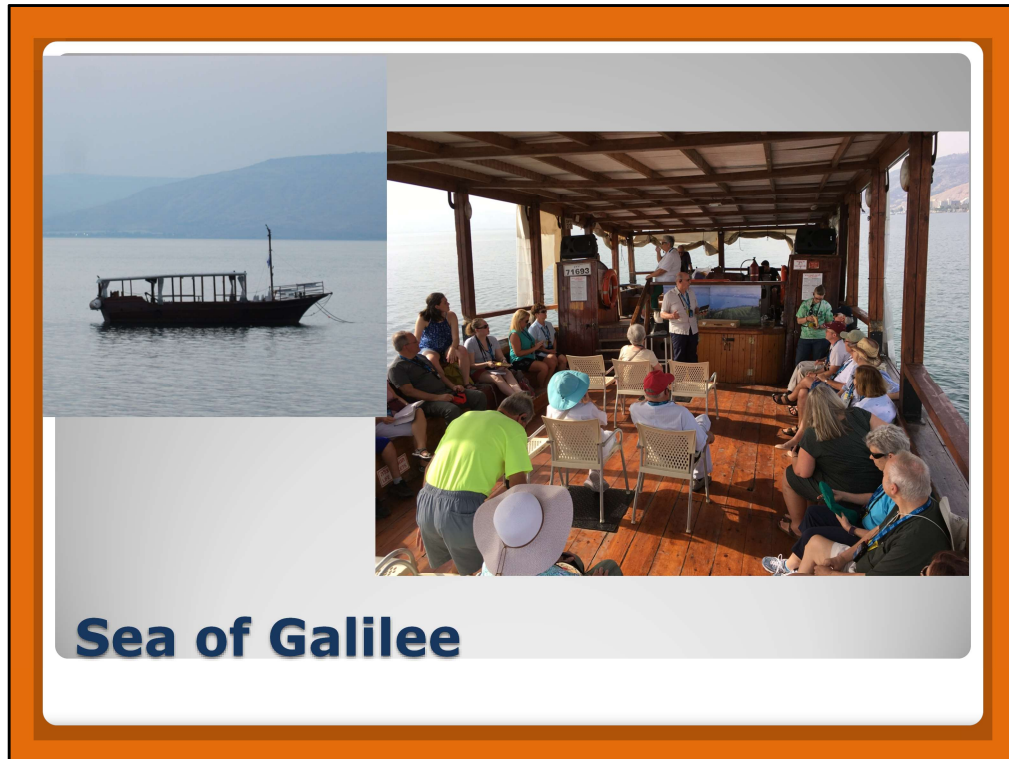
This is the neighborhood around Mary's home. As you can see everything is below current ground level.





We finished the day driving to Tiberias on the coast of the Sea of Galilee. also Kinneret or Kinnereth, Lake of Gennesaret, or Lake Tiberias. Sea of Galilee is about 700 feet below sea level.

We stayed here – 3 nights.



Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee - Pastor Larry gave the devotion.

This was a very spiritual place. We could have spent the day here. Jesus calmed this sea. Jesus walked on this body of water.



One of the men on the ship gave a fishing demonstration but came up empty.

Some of our crew and group dancing a traditional Jewish dance.

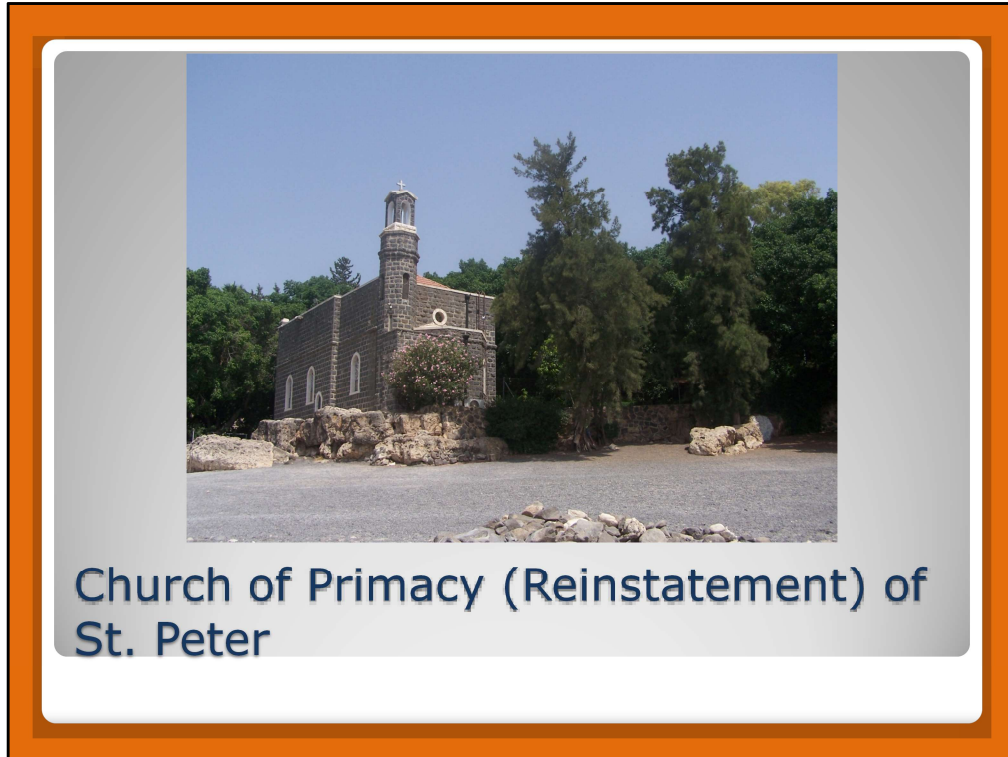
The boat ride was too short.



Ancient boat from the Sea of Galilee  
Yigal Allon Museum in Kibbutz Nof  
Ginosar

We were dropped at Yigal Allon Museum in Kibbutz Nof Ginosar to see the Ancient boat from the Sea of Galilee. It was buried in the mud to protect it since the first century.

The people of the kibbutz had access to archeologist to help them get the boat and preserve it without it turning to dust.



Church of Primacy (Reinstatement) of  
St. Peter –

“Cast your nets on the right side of the  
boat.”

“Peter, son of John, do you love me  
more than these?” John 21



Church of Primacy (Reinstatement) of St. Peter inside.

Inside the church, believed to be the stone where Jesus and Peter talked.





Sea of Galilee – John 21:5 "He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

Jesus appeared to the disciples here. I preferred this church over the manmade one.



**Lunch! Peter's fish**

Lunch called Peter's fish. Terry and I preferred it like this. Delicious!



Capernaum – Memorial and Peter's mom's home then early church (under).

Then we traveled to Capernaum. Jesus and his disciples spent much of their ministry together in this town. The Gospels are full of references to Capernaum. It was the hometown of [Peter](#), [Andrew](#), [James](#) and [John](#), as well as a tax collector named Matthew. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law here. It is also the place where [Jesus](#) healed the servant of a [Roman centurion](#) who had asked for his help. Capernaum is also the location of the [healing of the paralytic](#) lowered through the roof to reach Jesus reported in [Mark 2:1–12](#) and [Luke 5:17–26](#).

In [Matthew 9:1](#) the town is referred to only as "his own city."



Capernaum – Peter's mom's home  
then early church.

Capernaum – Peter's mom's home  
then outer walls were added when it  
became an early church.

Circular structure is foundation of  
Peter's mom's house. The octagonal  
structure is the foundation of an early  
church built around it.



Capernaum – Synagogue –  
4<sup>th</sup> Century

## Capernaum – Synagogue – 4<sup>th</sup> Century

Synagogue is where they could worship God. The Temple was only in Jerusalem and was regarded as the dwelling place of God on earth.





Capernaum – Synagogue –  
1<sup>st</sup> Century

Jesus would have taught here.





Capernaum – Olive press – 1<sup>st</sup>  
squeezing Extra virgin, next - virgin

This is an olive press. The first squeezing would have been the extra virgin, the second was the virgin and the final squeezings would have been just olive oil.

I think it is strange because the oil most like vegetable oil would have been the last squeezings.



Capernaum in ruins – Jesus cursed this town because they rejected him and did not repent.(Matthew 11:20-24)

Capernaum in ruins – Jesus cursed this town because they rejected him and did not repent.(Matthew 11:20-24) along with [Bethsaida](#) and [Chorazin](#), saying "you will be thrown down to [Hades](#)!"



Church of the Multiplication – Miracle of the Five fishes and 2 loaves of bread in Matthew 14 and John 6.

Notice how everyone is looking in the shade. Very warm day in the early afternoon.



Church of the Beatitudes – built in 1938 by Franciscan nuns.

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Mt. of the Beatitudes

Just another view of the Mt of Beatitudes.





Magdala – 1<sup>st</sup> Century Ruins

Magdala – 1<sup>st</sup> Century Ruins – Tour guide was an Irish archeologist.

It wasn't a trainee.

This was Mary Magdalene's home town.





Magdala – Synagogue

This is the first century Synagogue. It is highly likely that Jesus would have taught here.

Notice the mosaic floor.



The menorah on the Magdala Stone ,two jars, perhaps the water and oil used in the Temple.

Two wheels on the back “ Chariots of Fire” that took Elijah to heaven.  
Representative of the Holy of Holies.

The Law and the Prophets scrolls would have been put on top and read.



**DUC IN ALTUM – LUKE 5:4** “launch into the deep” – Women’s Atrium and Chapels

When Jesus first met Simon Peter, he told him to Launch into the Deep. Which is what Duc in Altum means. It is the name of this building at Magdala which houses a women’s atrium and several chapels. The women’s atrium is a tribute to the women of the Bible.



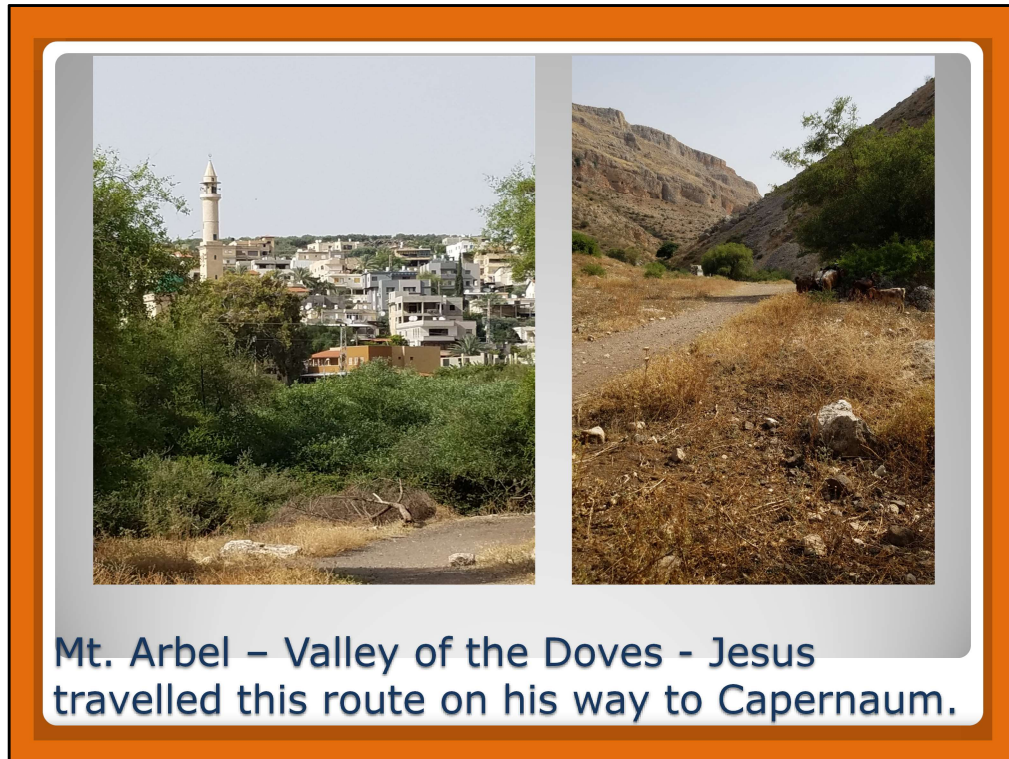
Magdala – Inside the **DUC IN ALTUM**  
- Encounter Chapel – Matthew 9:20 – Woman  
with Bleeding disorder.

Inside the DUC IN ALTUM – Larry Praying – picture in back is of the scene where the women with the blood disorder reached through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus' garment in Luke 8.



Mt. Arbel – Valley of the Doves

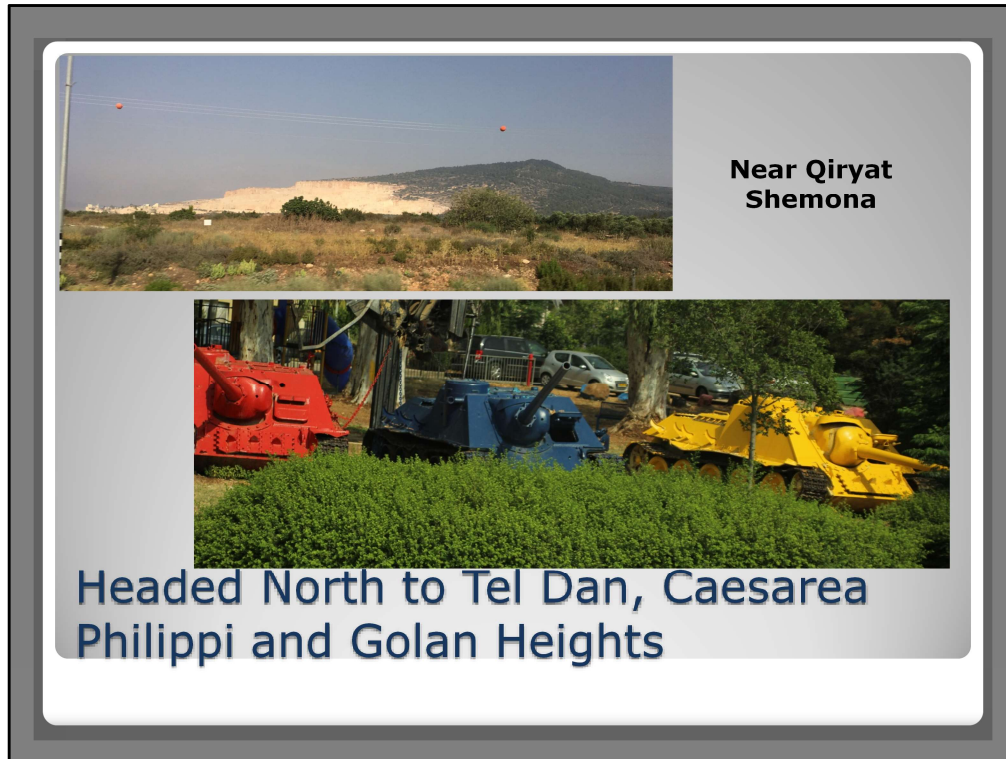




Jesus and the disciples would have traveled this route from the Nazareth to Sea of Galilee to Capernaum.

Arab village, Hamaam in the first picture. While we were walking back we heard a Muslim call to worship.





Headed North to Tel Dan and Caesarea Philippi

All or most of the construction is stone so you need lots of quarries.

After war in the US we put canons everywhere, they had dead tanks probably from the 6 Day war in 1967.



Fence dividing Israel and Lebanon

This fence is underwhelming. You would expect a President Trump type of wall between Israel and her enemies but this little was all there was. They also now use camera surveillance to keep an eye on things.



Jordan River at Tel Dan

The Jordan river comes into Israel at Tel Dan. It comes from the melting snow from Mount Herman. This is the northern most border of Israel named for one of the original tribes of Israel – Dan. In the encampment during the Exodus, Dan was one of the tribes that protected from any attacks in the North.



Remains of the Altar at Tel Dan - 1 Kings 12:26-30  
– King Jeroboam appealed to man's laziness.  
Golden calves on the altar.

Remains of the Altar at Tel Dan - 1 Kings 12:26-30 – King Jeroboam appealed to man's laziness. It was too far to travel to Jerusalem. Golden calves on the altar. This is why it is believed that the tribe of Dan is not one of the tribes in Revelation 7.



Syrian town from Tel Dan

This small Syrian town is a reminder of how close we are to Israel's enemies.

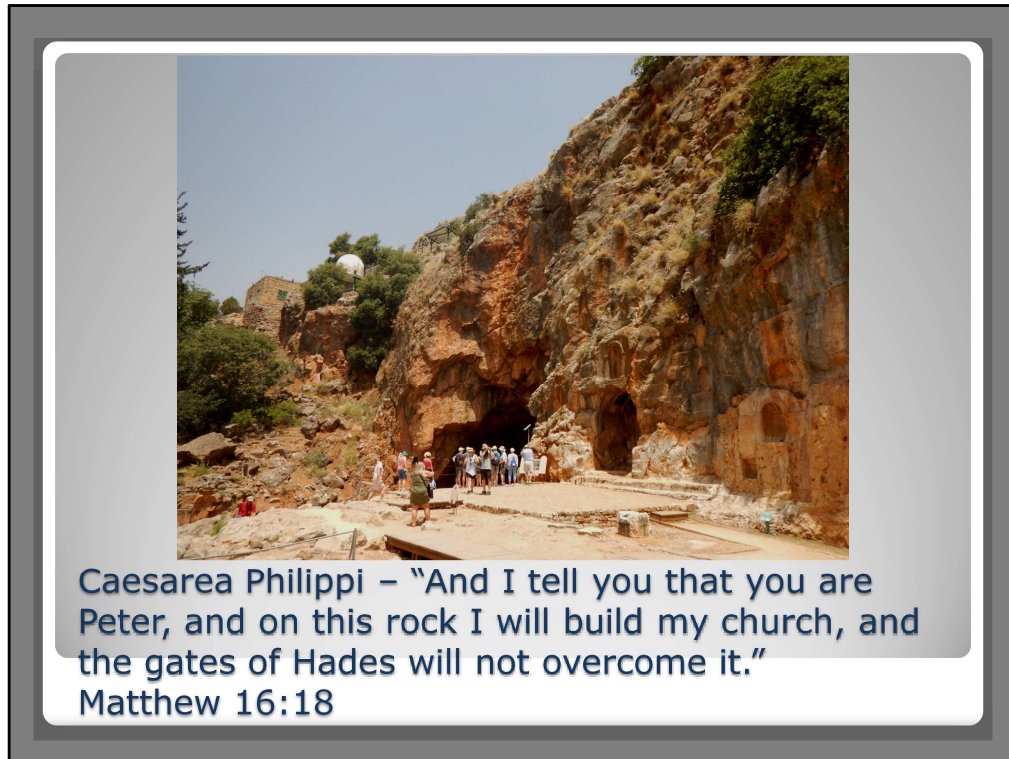




Abraham's Gate at Tel Dan from the Canaanite period of the Bronze Age is made of mud and was built around 1750 B.C.

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Caesarea Philippi – “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:18

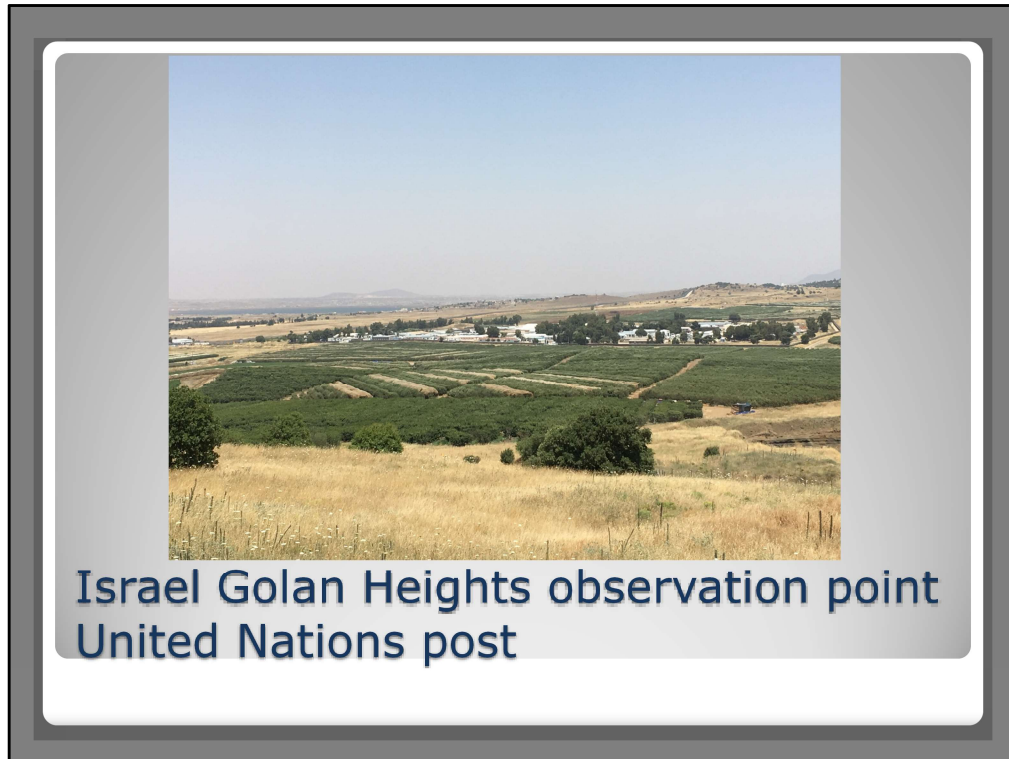
This site was originally a place the Romans came to worship Pan

God of nature, the wild, shepherds, flocks, of mountain wilds. The cave was believed by Jews to be the Gates of Hell.

Set the microphone for the next slide.



We heard a 3-3 1/2 minute version of this call to prayer throughout Israel. We are in the Golan Heights which is not really Israel controlled territory. Same applies to Jerusalem.



Israel Golan Heights observation point  
- United Nations post

Border into Syria. There is a border  
checkpoint here too.



Baptisms in the Jordan River

Baptisms in the Jordan River – What an amazing experience! Although it is not the same region that Jesus was baptized in, it was still amazing.



Baptisms in the Jordan River

To be baptized by two of my favorite pastors.  
Just so you know, I wasn't the only one  
baptized by two men.





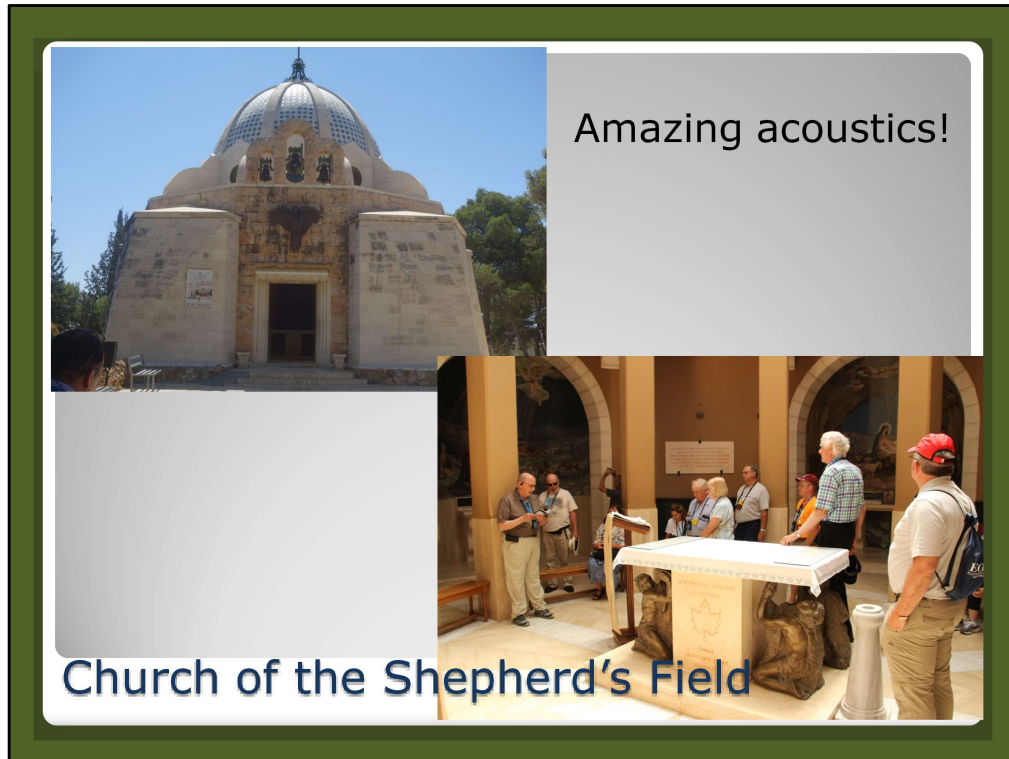
We drove through Jerusalem to get Bethlehem. We passed directly from the city of Jerusalem into the Desert or Wilderness. There was no buffer.





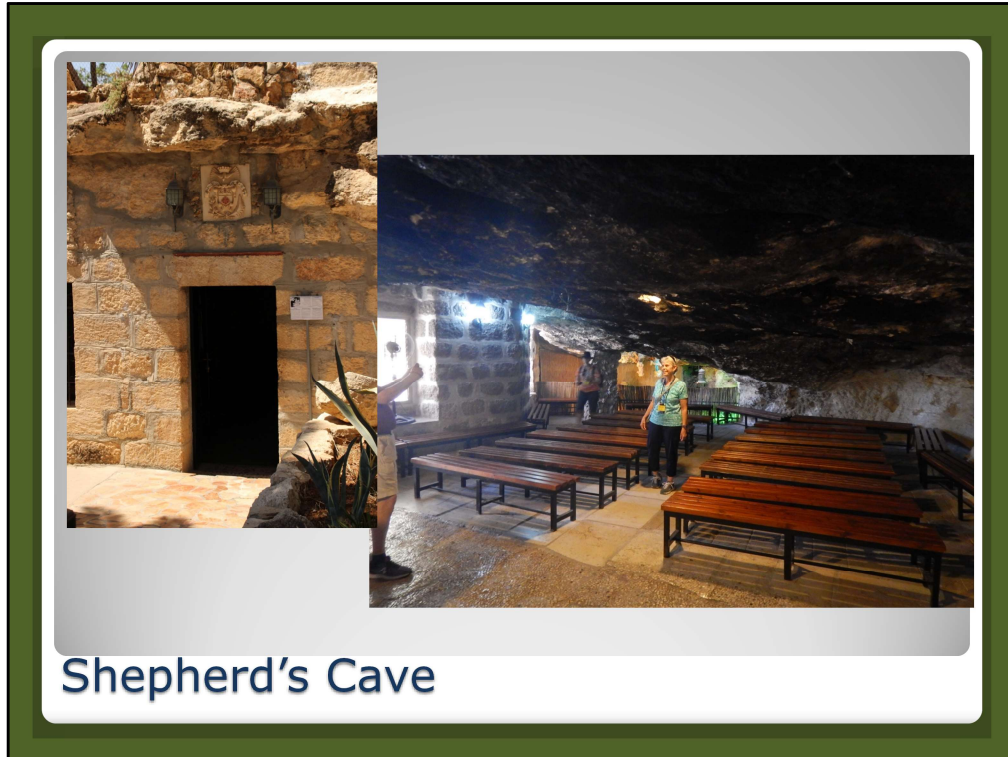
Crossing into Palestinian controlled  
Bethlehem

Bethlehem is Palestinian held. Here we are in the town of our Savior's birth and there are less and less Christians.



Church of the Shepherds' Field – Built by Franciscan monks and not Queen Helena.

The acoustics were wonderful. We were allowed to sing accapela in the church.



Shepherd's Cave

This is the shepherd's cave. Worship services or mass are held here. The shepherds would have brought their sheep out of the weather into this cave.



Church of the Nativity

Church of the Nativity – Yet another example of Queen Helena's work. As you can guess I struggled with finding a building on top of this holy site.



Church of the Nativity

This is the inside of the church. As you can see it is very ornate. Not what Jesus would have wanted. He was born in a humble manger.



Church of the Nativity – It was very ugly at this point.

This made it worse. Here we are in a place to celebrate but the pushing and shoving got really ugly. This experience did not create in me a holy and loving emotion.





Church of the Nativity - Star marking the location of Jesus' birth.

Star marking the location of Jesus' birth.



Church of the Nativity – marking the location of the manger.

An ornate grill marking the location of the manger.



Jerusalem – Old City - Zion Gate –  
Jewish Quarter

Back into Jerusalem we went through the  
Zion Gate – Bullet holes

During its long history, Jerusalem has  
been destroyed twice, besieged 23 times,  
attacked 52 times, and captured and  
recaptured 44 times. - tour guide said  
Jerusalem was leveled 4 times.



In this area was King David's tomb but no pictures were allowed.

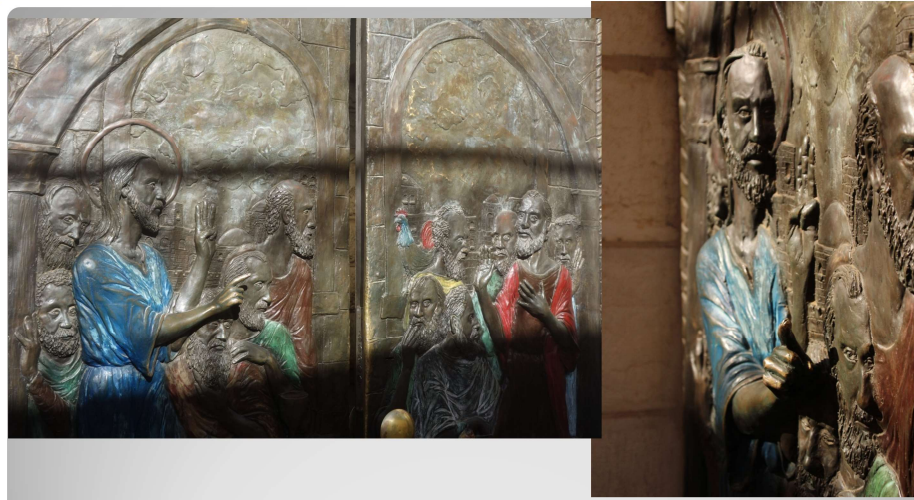
This is one potential site of the Upper Room. Jerusalem was leveled in 70 AD. The ceilings are byzantine and the thing on the wall is a Muslim shrine. According to Tamar, the Muslim's steal things from Jewish and Christian history. If it is holy to us, they make it holy to them.



Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu or of the Cockcrow / Caiaphas' palace

Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu or of the Cockcrow / Caiaphas' palace – Again Jerusalem was leveled by the Romans in 70 AD – Emperor Titus Flavius Vespasianus. Caiaphas' palace was destroyed but this is believed to be the correct location. This church was built by Queen Helena.

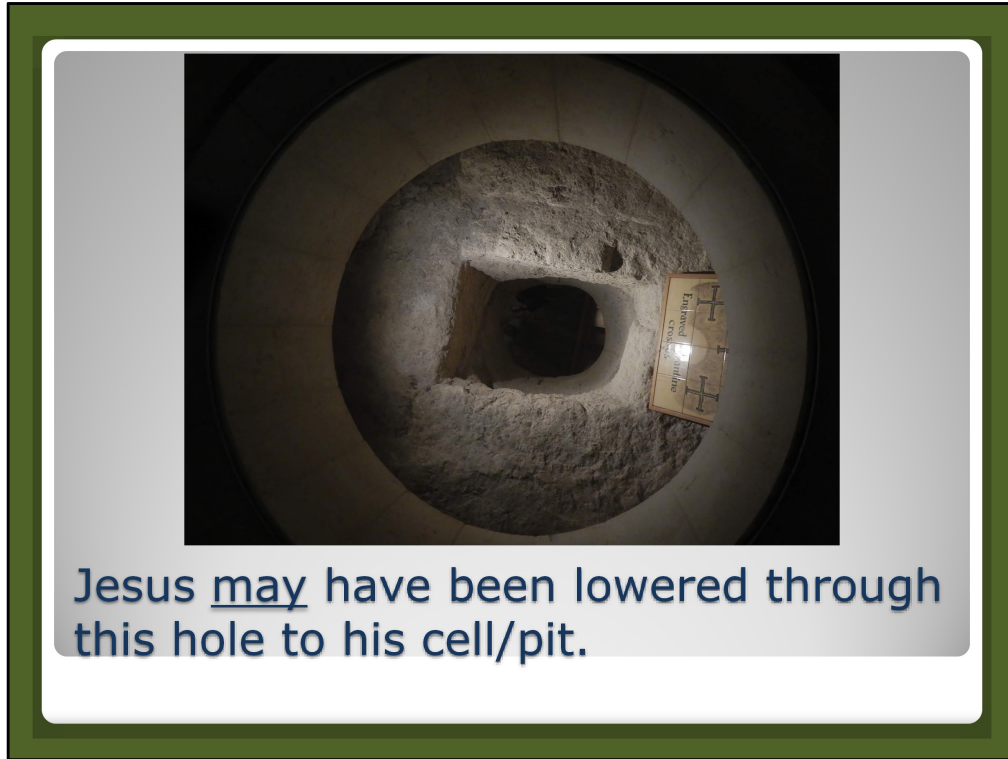




Door to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu or of the Cockcrow

Door to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu or of the Cockcrow. It is a cool door with Jesus standing out and warning Peter. Matthew 26:34 "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."





Jesus may have been lowered through this hole to his cell/pit.



Jesus may have been lowered into this cell/pit.

Jesus may have been lowered to this cell/pit.



Jesus was believed to have walked  
down these steps – Matthew 26:57

Jesus was believed to have walked down these steps. They are from the 1<sup>st</sup> century – Matthew 26:57 **“Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. “**



Our group on the Mt. of Olives with Jerusalem behind us. There were 31 in our group. 16 from Ohio, 8 from Muncy, IN, 4 from Florida, 2 from Pennsylvania, and 1 TX.





Jerusalem – Dome of the Rock from Mt. of Olives – Ramadan began Wednesday, May 16 ended Thursday, June 14 (on June 10)

Jerusalem – Dome of the Rock from Mt. of Olives – The Dome of the Rock is a Muslim Shrine. Ramadan began Wednesday, May 16 ended Thursday, June 14 (on June 10). Ramadan is a Muslim celebration to commemorate the first revelation of the Quran to Muhammad. We were warned not to go out in the evening but some did.



## Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives – Teaching steps and the Eastern Gate – Golden Gate – Gate of Mercy

The Eastern Gate is the one Jesus entered through during the Triumphal Entry. When He comes back he is suppose to enter here. So they bricked it up and put a cemetery in front of it.





Jerusalem – Mt. of Olives – Triumphal  
Entry – Temp 86 degrees

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Jerusalem – Mt. of Olives burial –  
Buried within 24 hours, no casket, no  
embalming, just burial clothes.  
Underground.

Once only bones are left, the small  
boxes contain the bones. It is based  
on the size of the femur – leg bone.



Jerusalem – Mt of Olives.  
Jerusalem Thorn Tree  
Perfect for a crown of thorns.



Garden of Gethsemane – Olive grove.  
Limited access today.

We were able to spot an olive tree by the end of the trip. The silver-green leaves.





Church of Gethsemane / of All Nations  
/ of the Agony

And it comes with a church. Church of All Nations or Church of the Agony. Built around 1920. Other picture shows the central aisle.



Dung Gate – Old City – Jewish Quarter

Can anyone guess what this gate is known for? It was most likely used to remove the residue from the Temple.





Terry and I sitting on the Teaching Steps – Jesus would have walked these very steps going to the Temple mount. These steps are on the southern portion of the western walls, He would have spoke here. Peter was believed to have preached here on the Day of Pentecost.



Stones and Rubble from 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple

When the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple was destroyed and the Temple mount cleared, the rubble was just pushed off the side of the temple mount. I always wondered why the Jews didn't claim it and rebuild the temple. The crusaders had control of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount until 1187 and it has been in Muslim control ever since. Remember that Jerusalem 1/4<sup>th</sup> Muslim today.



Western/Wailing Wall

Western/Wailing Wall – This was one of the most spiritual parts of the trip. To have the opportunity to pray to God leaning on this wall, just below where the Temple used to sit was unbelievable. There were men's side and women's side. The women's side was packed. One thing that is opposite in a US church compared to Jewish holy sites in Israel, Men have to wear hats or a head covering.



Western/Wailing Wall – Phylacteries. –  
Matthew 23:5-7 - “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; <sup>6</sup> they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; <sup>7</sup> they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.” The Phylacteries contain copies of the Law and they keep it close to their hearts and minds.





Israel Museum - Model of Jerusalem –  
1/50 scale - 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Period

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Left of the Temple is Jerusalem  
of King David.



Israel Museum – contains Dead Sea  
Scrolls

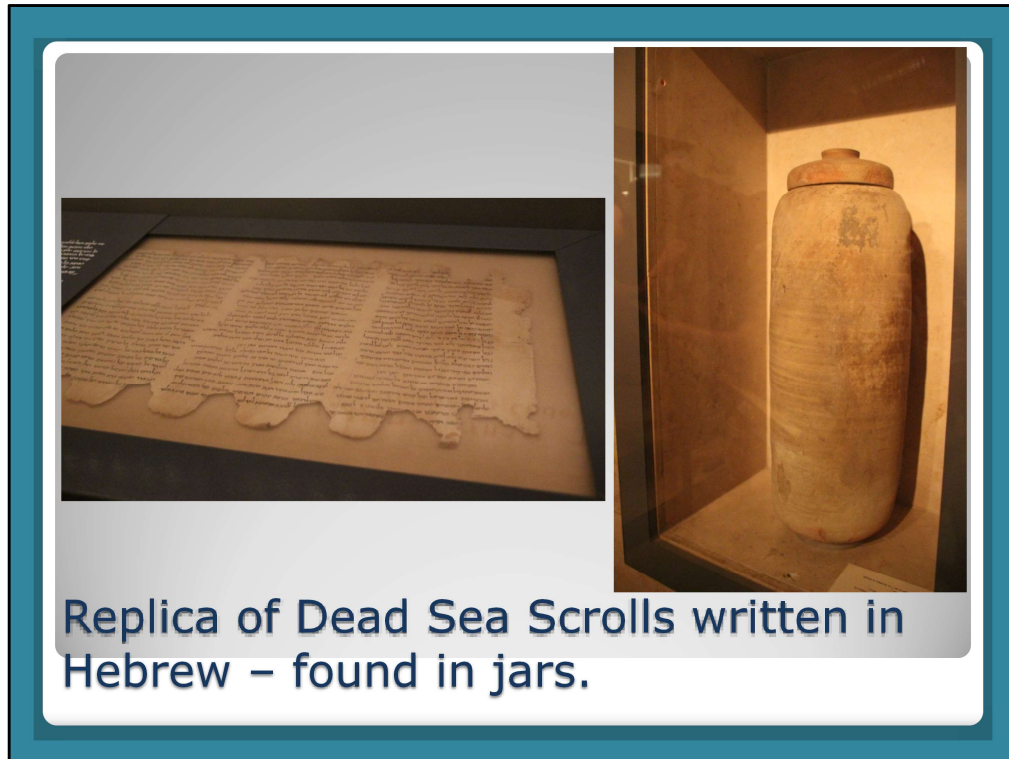
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Replica of the Dead Scrolls book of Isaiah  
– Originals are stored away for their protection.

We saw young men and women of the Military everywhere in Jerusalem. They were being taught Israel's history and religion everywhere they went. When you graduate from high school in Israel, you are automatically in the military. 3 years for young men and 2 years for young women.



Replica of Dead Sea Scrolls written in Hebrew – found in jars like these near Qumran



Holocaust Museum – main hall - [Yad Vashem](#)

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Holocaust Museum – Shoe display

More military indoctrination – Nothing more startling as the shoes of the dead from the prison camps.



Holocaust Museum – Photos of the dead

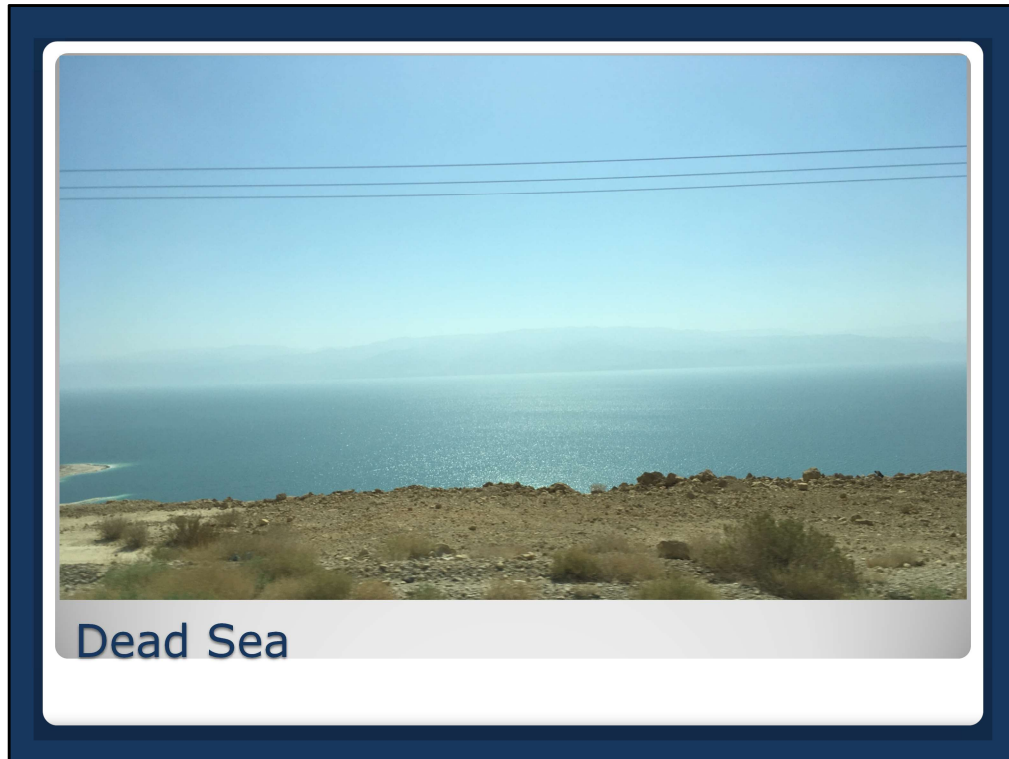
or Nothing more startling as the photos of the dead.





Holocaust Museum – Tree planted in memory of Oskar and Emilie Schindler

Holocaust Museum – Tree planted in memory of Oskar and Emilie Schindler – there are memorials to all that helped the Jews in WWII / holocaust.



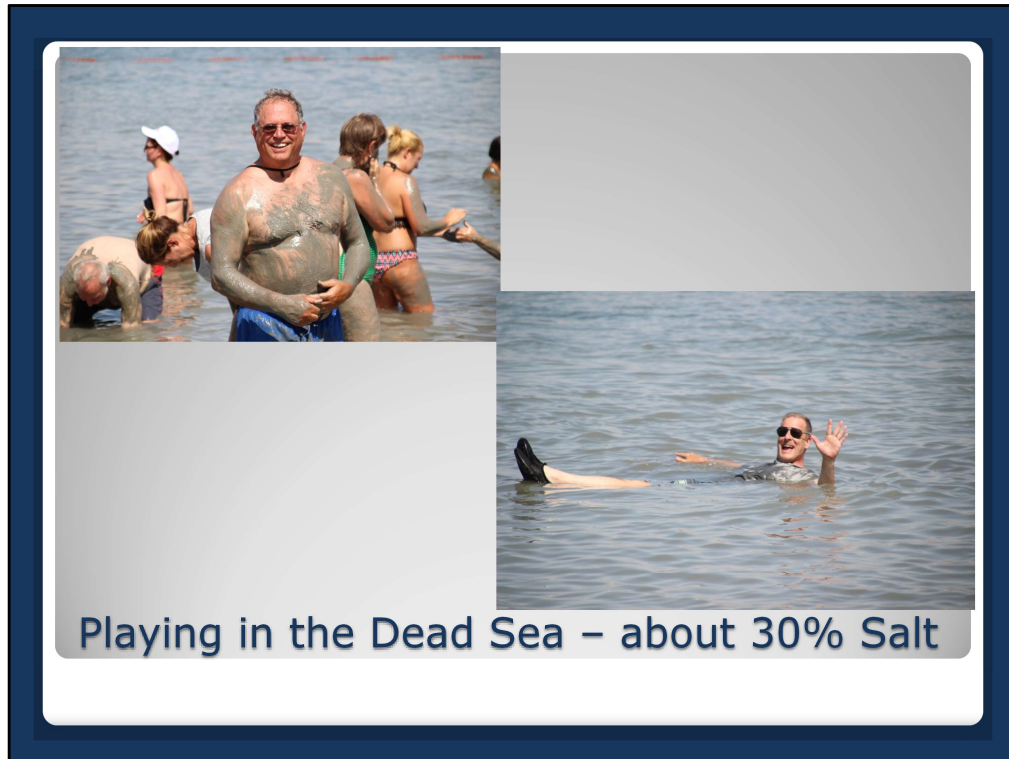
Dead Sea – When I pictured the Dead Sea in my mind, it wasn't pretty. It was nothing as beautiful as this.



Ahava Dead Sea Cosmetics - you can look up the therapeutic effects of Dead Sea solids but they are numerous including treatment for psoriasis. Even Cleopatra came to the Dead Sea for beauty treatments.

Dead Sea – 29% Dissolved solids.  
Silicon dioxide, MgO, only 30% NaCl

On average, seawater in the  
world's **oceans** has a salinity of  
approximately 3.5%. 97% NaCl



The mud was therapeutic. Just rubbing it on, made your skin very smooth.

The water in the Dead Sea is denser than seawater. It makes floating really easy. My legs sink but in the Dead Sea, I had trouble getting them to stop floating.





Masada – Herod the Great – 37-34 BC

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– Look closely and you can see Masada on top of the plateau. This was one of the last strongholds of the Israelites in 70 AD when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem.



Masada

Lift to the top. See the little squares, they are the remains of Roman garrisons. 1600 feet above the ground level which is around 200 feet above sea level. The Dead Sea is about 1400 feet below sea level.



Masada – One of 29 food storerooms - 27 meter long

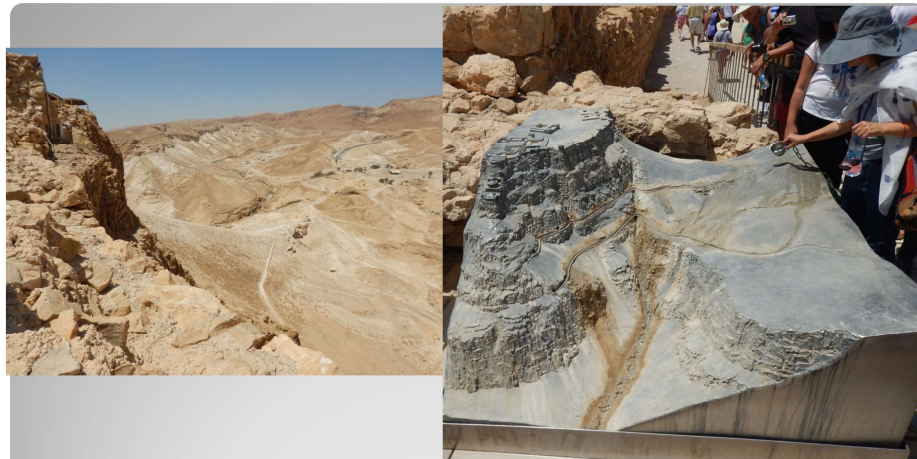
Masada – One of 29 food storerooms - 27 meter long – If you are on top of a mountain you need to store food and water. When Masada fell these storerooms were still full.



Masada – Herod's Palace

Masada – If a King is going to live here, he needs a palace. Having seen Caesarea by the Sea then you can only imagine the amenities in Masada. Just as we saw in Caesarea by the Sea, Herod the Great's engineers could do about anything.





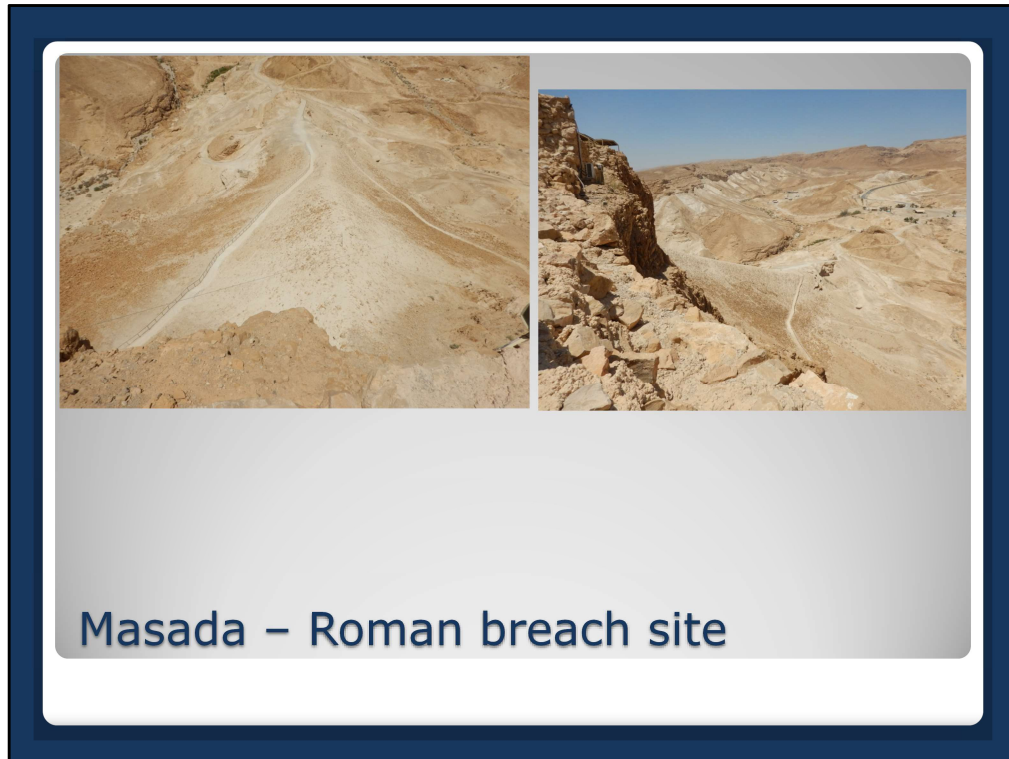
Masada – Water collection – Flash floods – distributed to cisterns.

Including catching water in cisterns from flash floods.



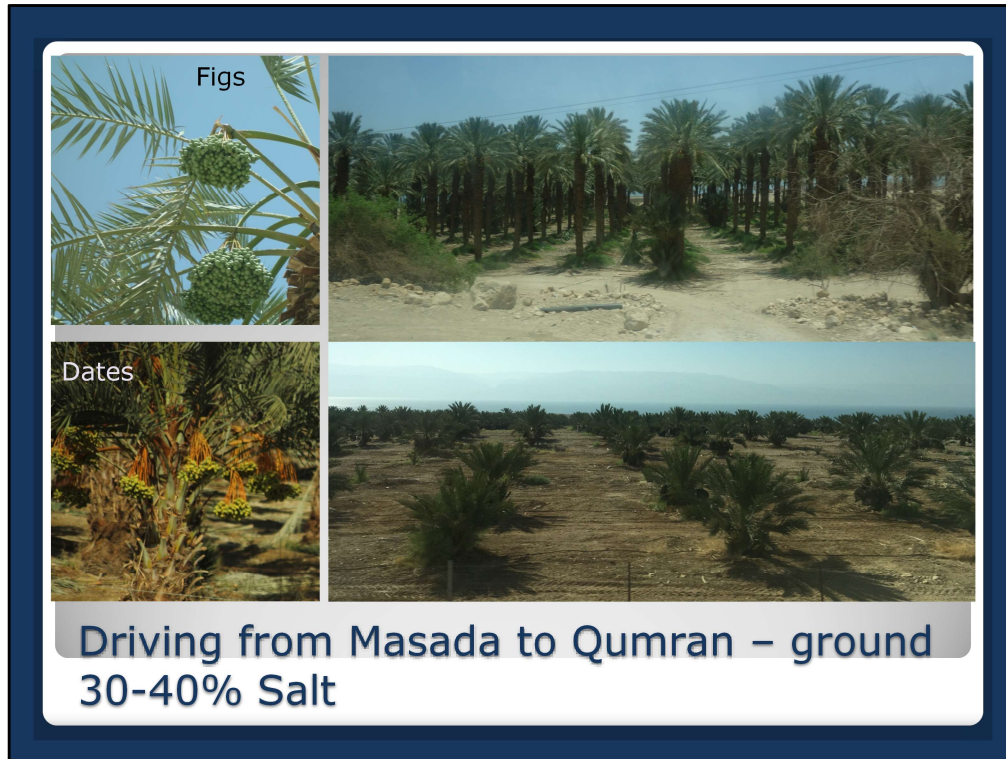


Masada – Even had a synagogue. Man is transcribing the Torah.



Masada – Roman breach site – The Romans got up to Masada by having captured Israelites carry buckets of rocks up to the wall, it took 2-3 months to build this ramp.

The seige ended in a suicide. Imagine taking the life of your wife and children before you were killed by a friend. One person actually committed suicide.



Driving in this area we saw numerous groves of man planted fig and date trees. The ground is 30-40% NaCl salt. One of the Kibbutz's came up with a way to remove the salt from the ground by flooding it with fresh water.



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Qumran National Park – Dead Sea Scrolls

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Scrolls were found by shepherds in  
hidden caves through the wilderness  
around this area.





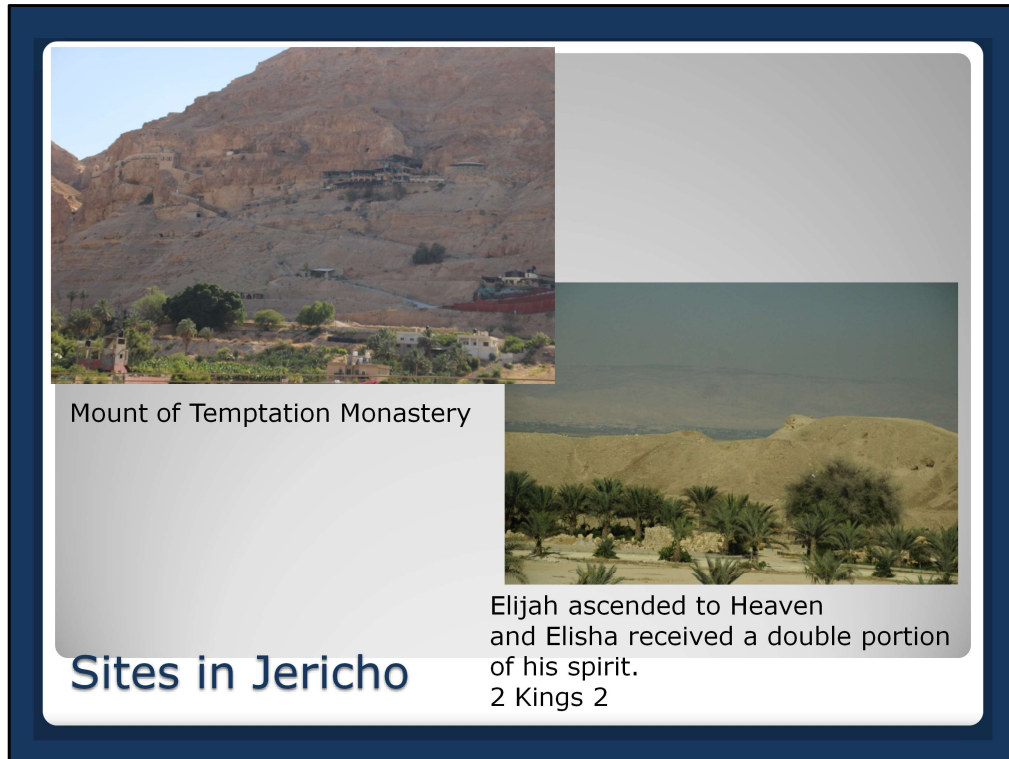
Jericho – Palestinian control

Jericho – Palestinian control - Only minimal security



Barbi and Kaitlyn making a friend in Jericho

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Mount of Temptation Monastery –  
Where Jesus was believed to be tested  
by Satan.

Elijah ascended to Heaven and Elisha  
received a double portion of Elijah's of  
his spirit. 2 Kings 2



Sycamore tree in Jericho (Zacchaeus  
Luke 19)

Sycamore tree in Jericho (the tax  
collector - Zacchaeus)



Nomads near Jerusalem

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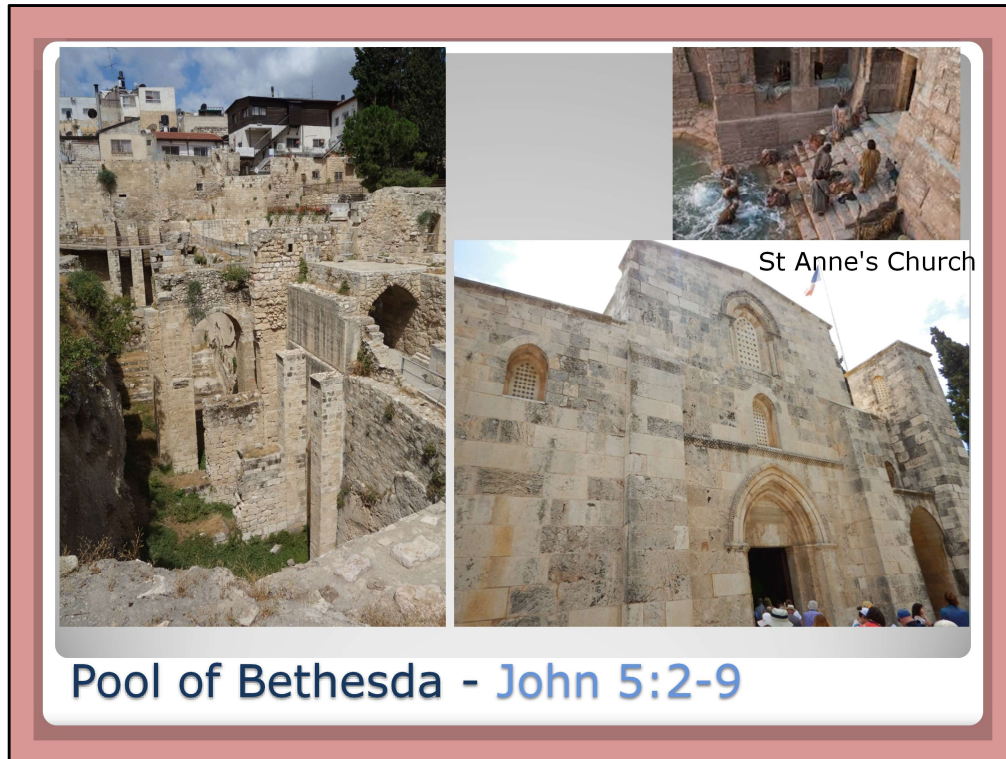


U. S. Embassy in Jerusalem – 1995  
Congress voted for the move now it is  
a reality.



Lion's Gate – Muslim Quarter

Entered the Lion's Gate – Muslim Quarter – Closest to the Pool of Bethesda. In John 5, it mentions the Sheep's Gate because this was where sheep were brought to the Temple for sacrifice. Lion's gate was built in the 16th Century.

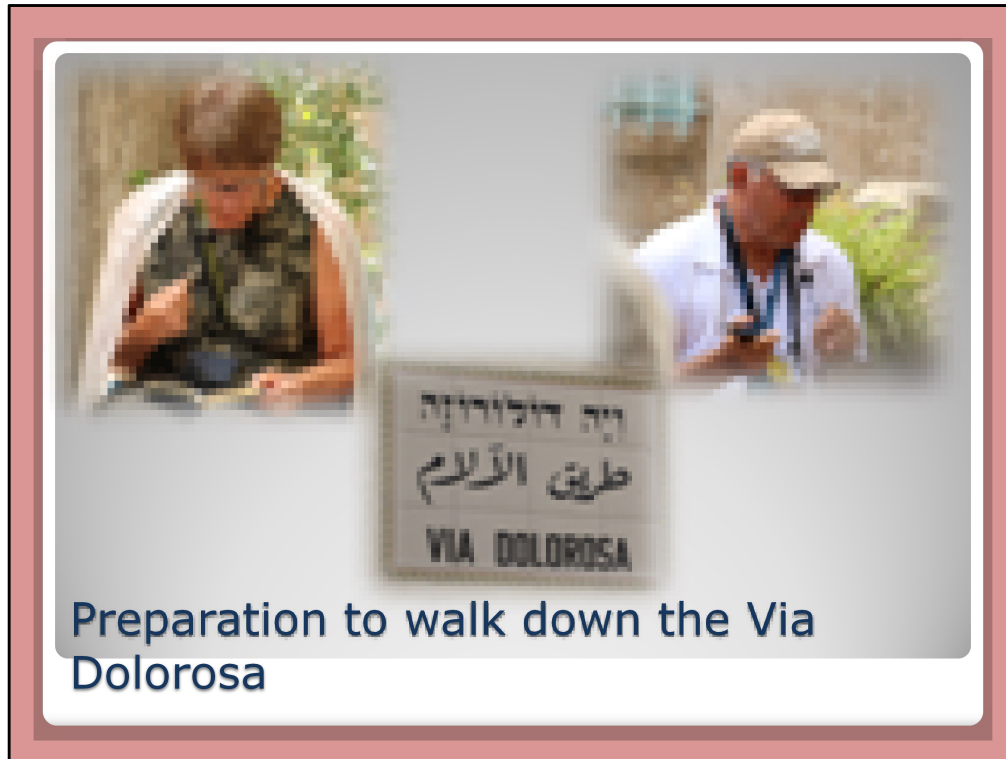


Pool of Bethesda - John 5:2-9 – Jesus visited the pool and healed a lame man on the Sabbath. The Sabbath.



Police presence in Jerusalem

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Preparation to walk down the Via Dolorosa – The Way of Suffering. – Reading Scripture, Prayer, singing. Remembering His sacrifice.





*Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*

**Church of the Flagellation (Beating)**

## The Church of the Flagellation or Beatings

"But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.



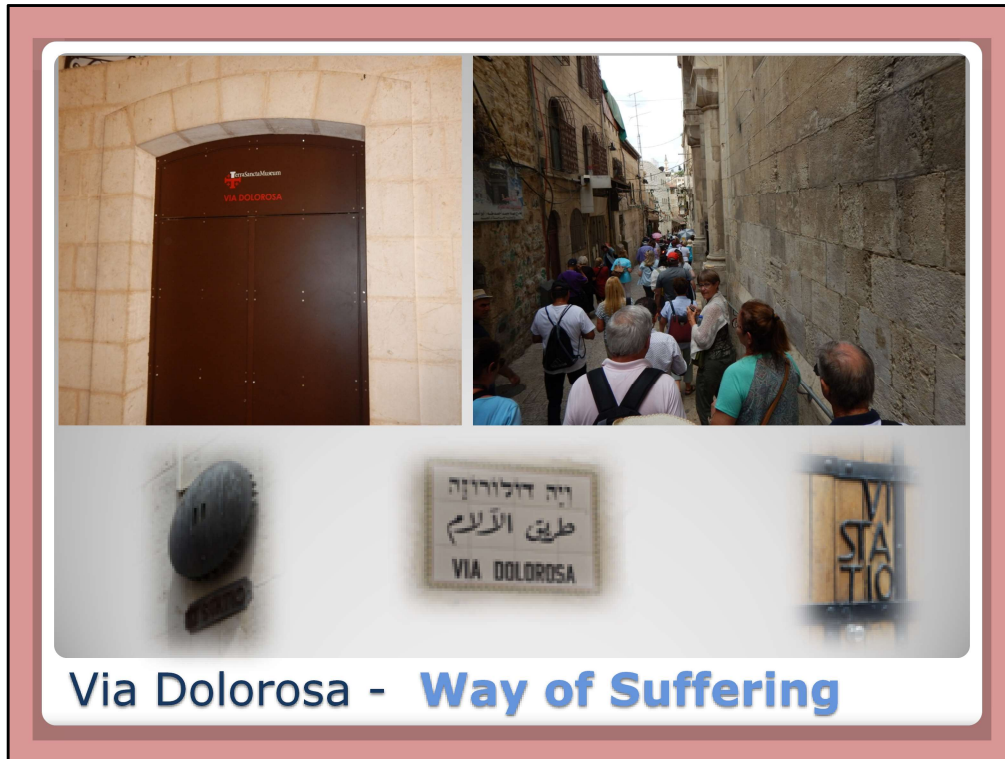
Chapel of the Condemnation – Jesus stood before Pilate is this area.



Matthew  
27:35b – “they  
divided up his  
clothes by  
casting lots.”

Chapel of the Condemnation

There were markings on the floor  
suggesting games.



## Via Dolorosa - Way of Suffering

#### 14 Stations of the Via Dolorosa

1. Pilate condemns Jesus to die
2. Jesus accepts his cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother, Mary
5. Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls for the second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls for the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb

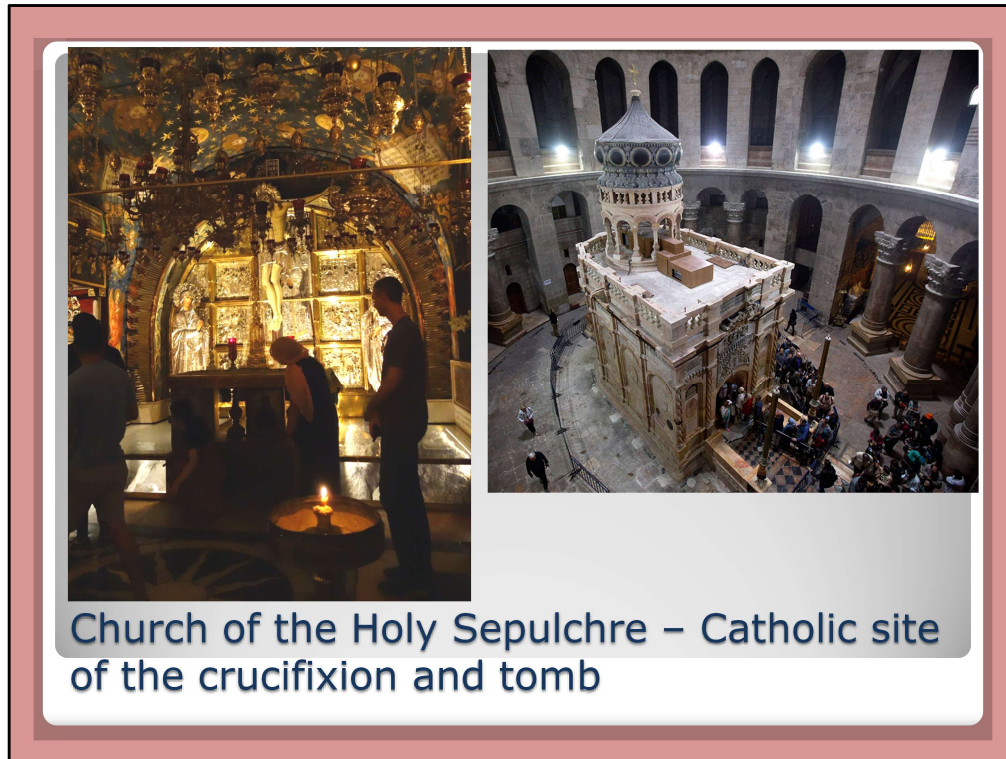
The Catholics have assigned 14 stations of the Via Dolorosa.



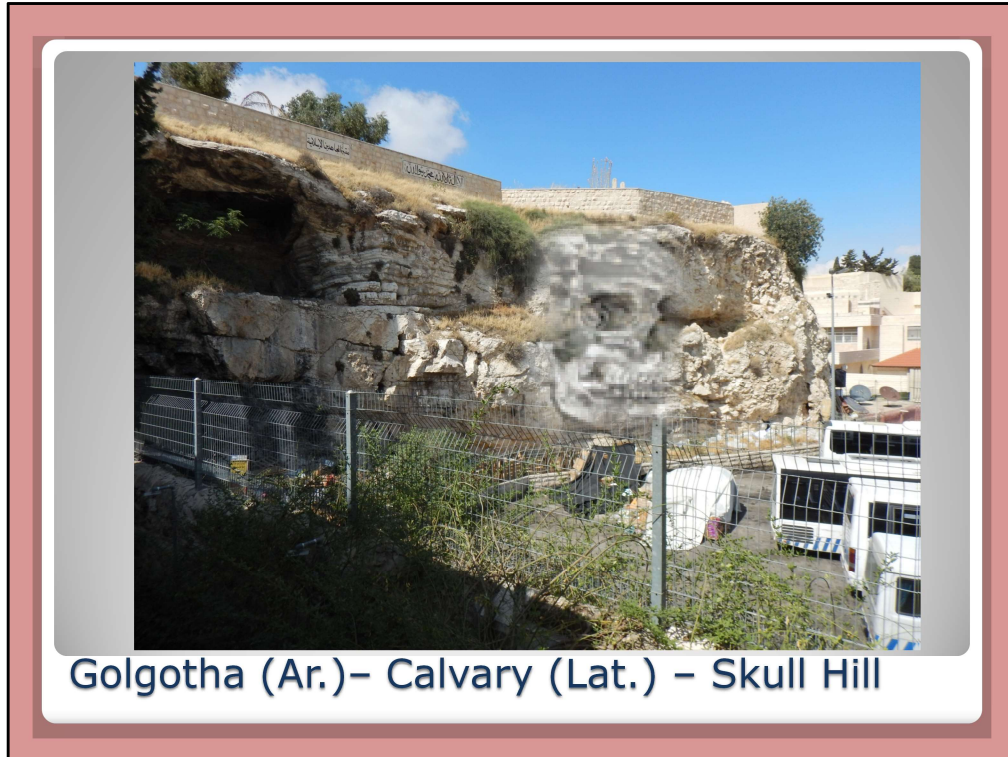


Church of the Holy Sepulcher – Catholic site of the Crucifixion and tomb

Church of the Holy Sepulcher – Catholic site of the Crucifixion and tomb - Queen Helena of Constantinople again. Oldest church. It survived throughout the years.



Church of the Holy Sepulcher – Crucifixion (left) kneel put hand through hole and it was suppose to be the correct location for Jesus' heart and the tomb was supposedly cut out of rock and is now protected inside this building.



Golgotha – Skull Hill – 2015 bridge of nose and left Eye socket collapsed -  
Bus parking lot – minimart – Muslim control



Golgotha (Ar.)– Calvary (Lat.) – Skull Hill

Old picture of Golgotha





Protestant site of the tomb





Inside the tomb

Inside the tomb



Communion in the tomb area – to our left 25 yards away is the tomb, about 50 yards on our right is Golgotha.

After we returned to the hotel we said goodbye to part of our travelers.



Extension – Light rail

Extension – Light Train – daily bus rides are over. It is by foot or the light train



Shuk – Daily shopping – Want a taste?



More of the Shuk

More of the Shuk.





Shopping Mall

Shopping mall – Hot Chocolate made with chocolate bars - Yum



Bar Mitzvahs at the Western Wall –  
Buses were everywhere outside the  
Dung gate



Jerusalem – City of David now and then

City of David now and then



City of David Tour - Palace ruins

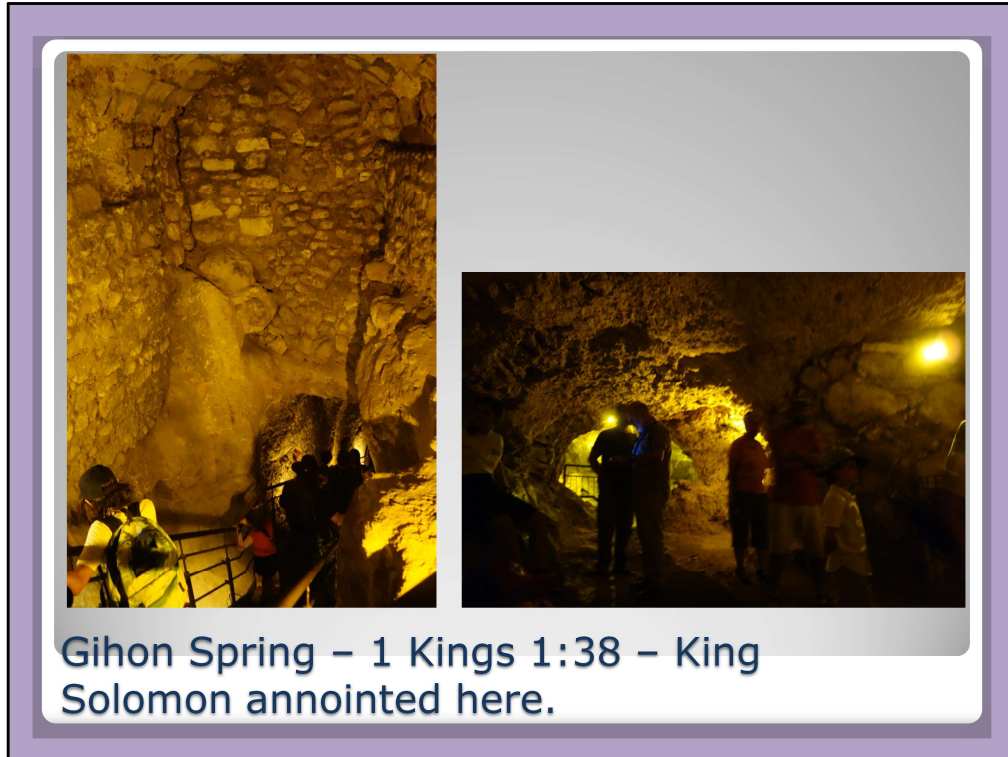
City of David Tour - Palace ruins –  
up near the top of old Jerusalem



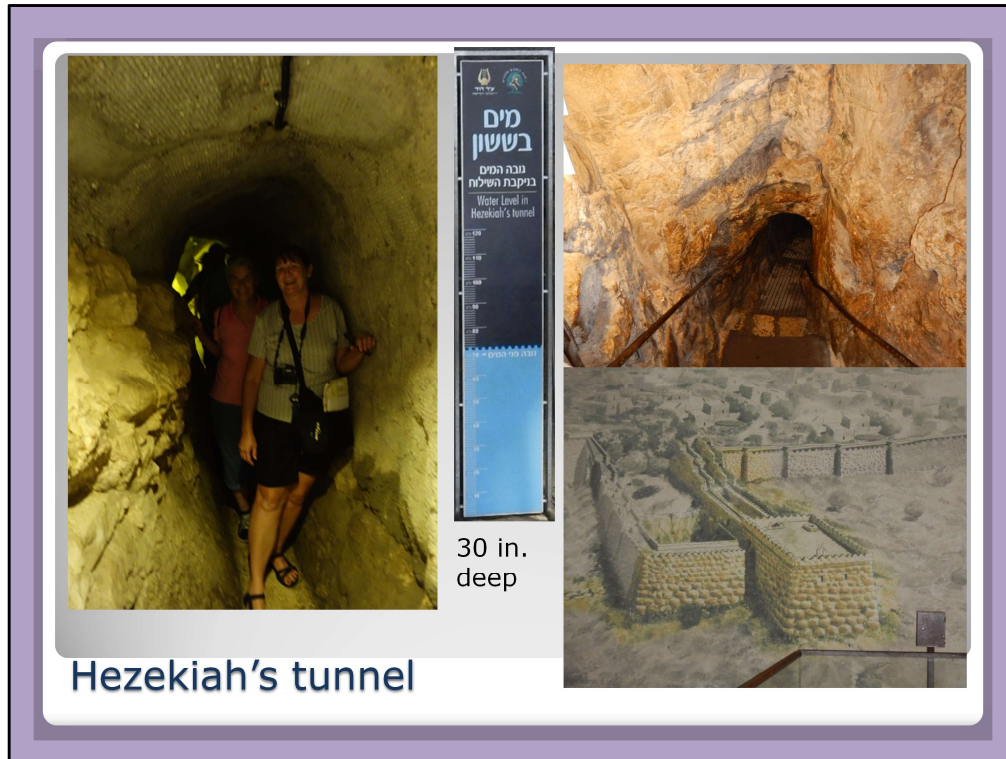


Houses built on top of Tombs





Gihon Spring – 1 Kings 1:38 – King Solomon annointed here.

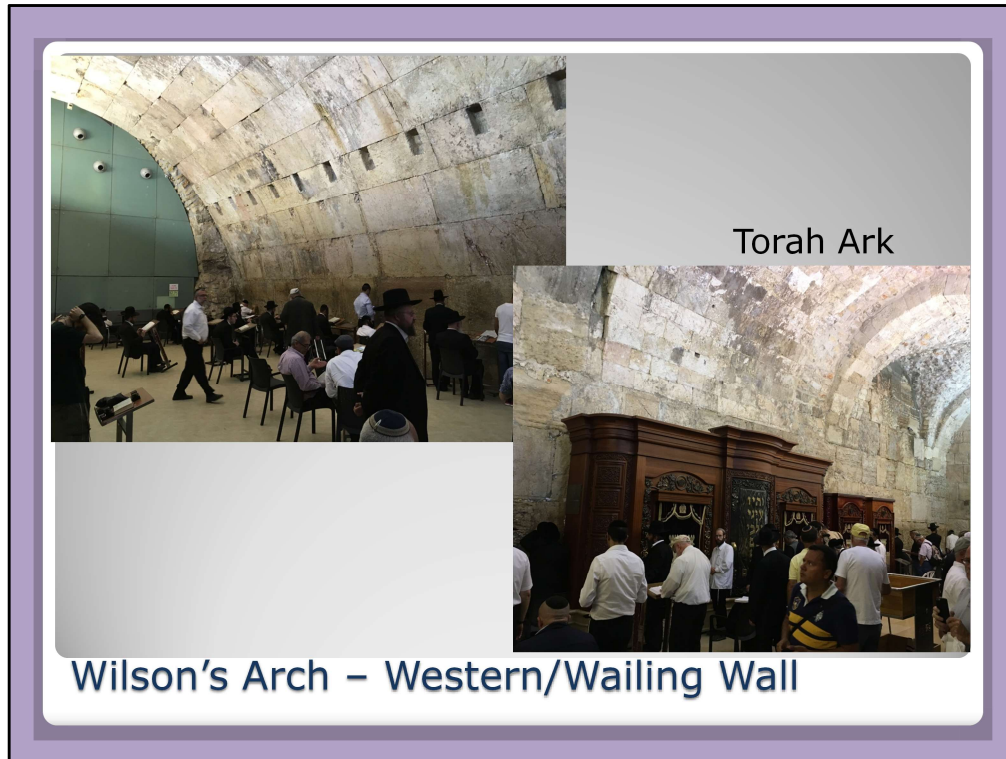


## King Hezekiah's tunnel



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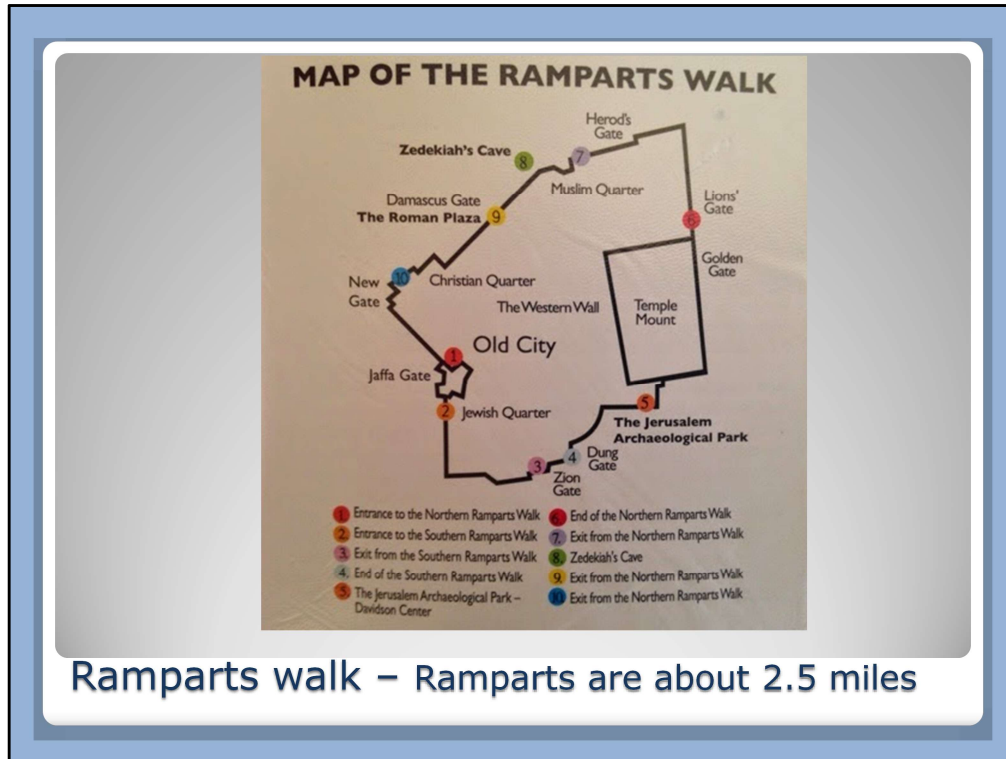


Wilson's Arch – Western/Wailing Wall  
– Part of Herod's original Temple Mount. Contains what I call libraries and Torah Arks.



Western/Wailing Wall – Military training - We walked through the Western Wall area numerous times going to or through the Dung Gate to get to the City of David tour and the Ramparts tours for 2 days of the extension.

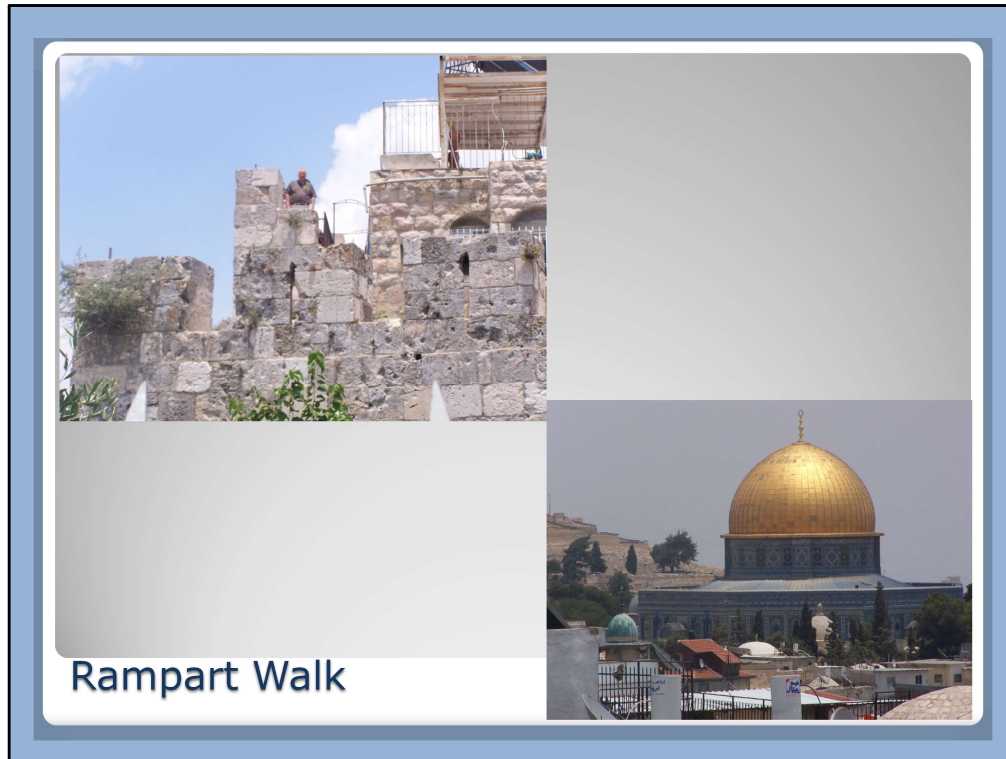




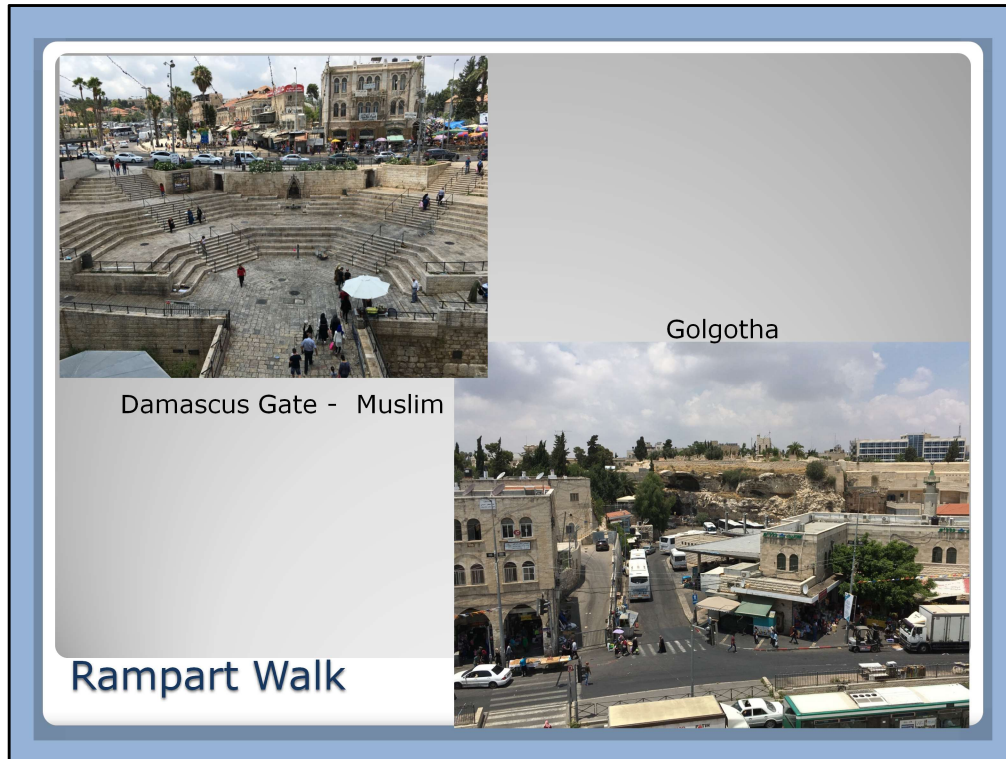
Ramparts walk – Ramparts are about 2.5 miles



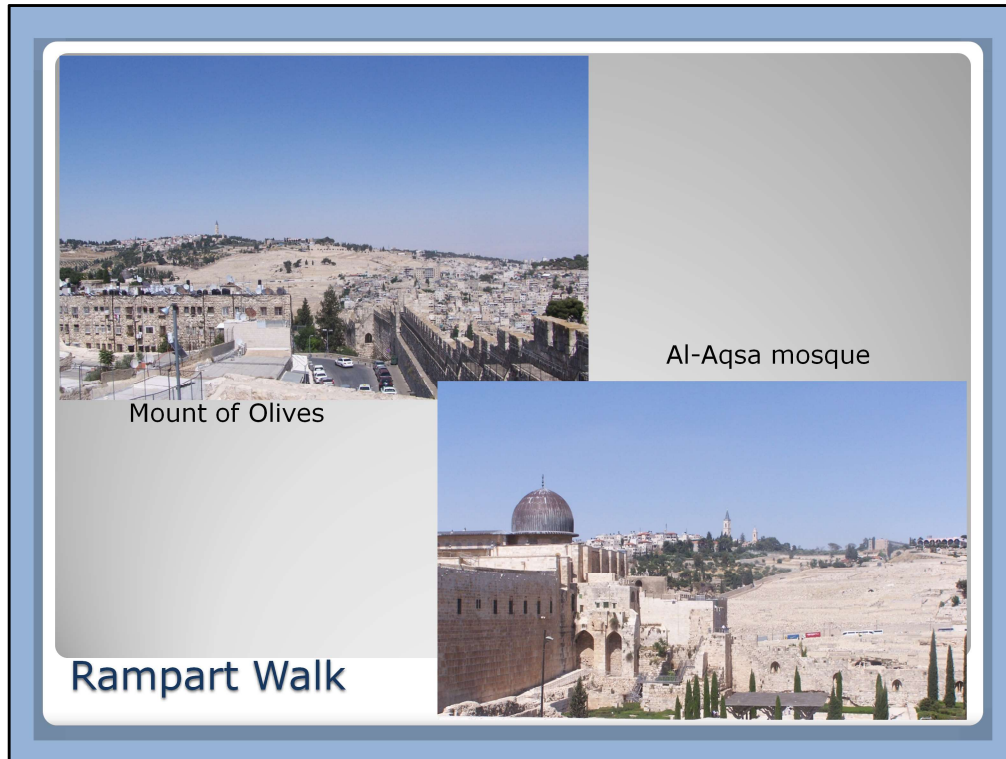
Rampart walk – Jaffa Gate – Christian Quarter



Rampart Walk – Dome of the Rock –  
Muslim Shrine – Varying heights



Rampart Walk – Golgotha note the  
Minimart and the parking lot.  
Damascus Gate - Muslim



## Rampart Walk - Mount of Olives and Al-Aqsa mosque





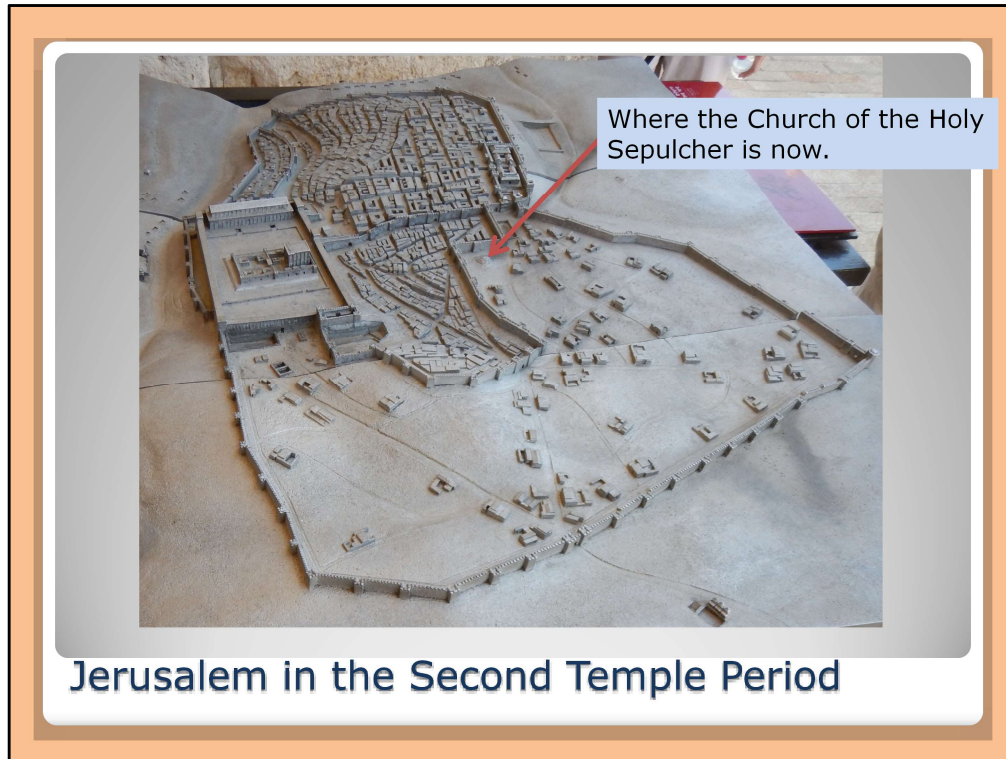
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Cisterns – Arabs

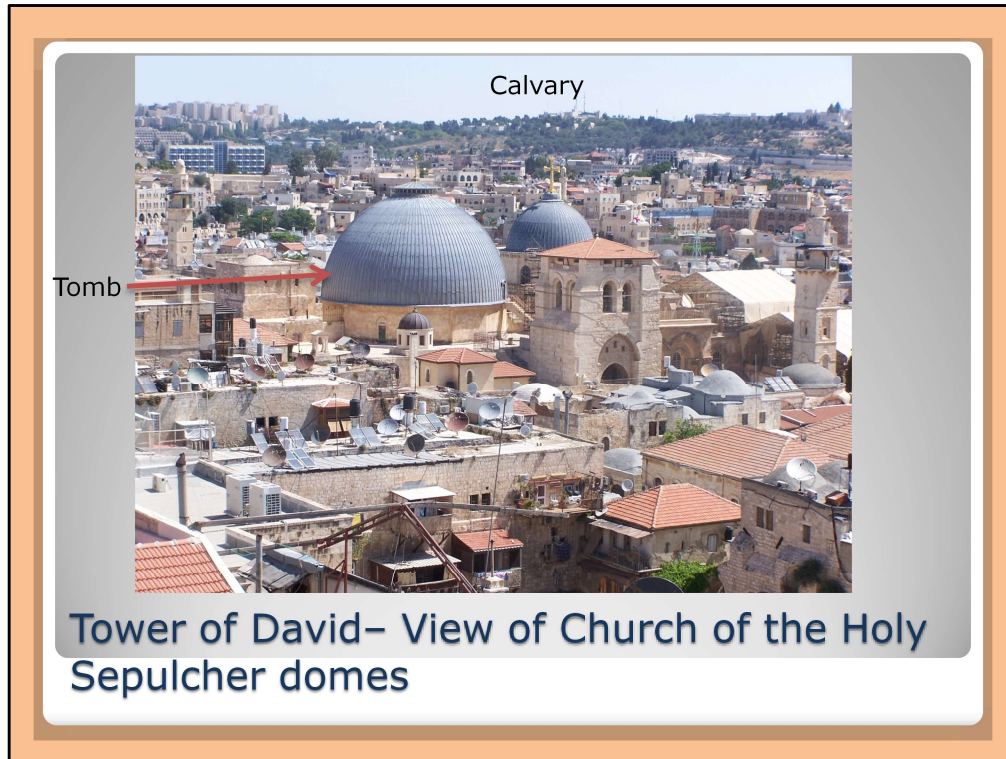


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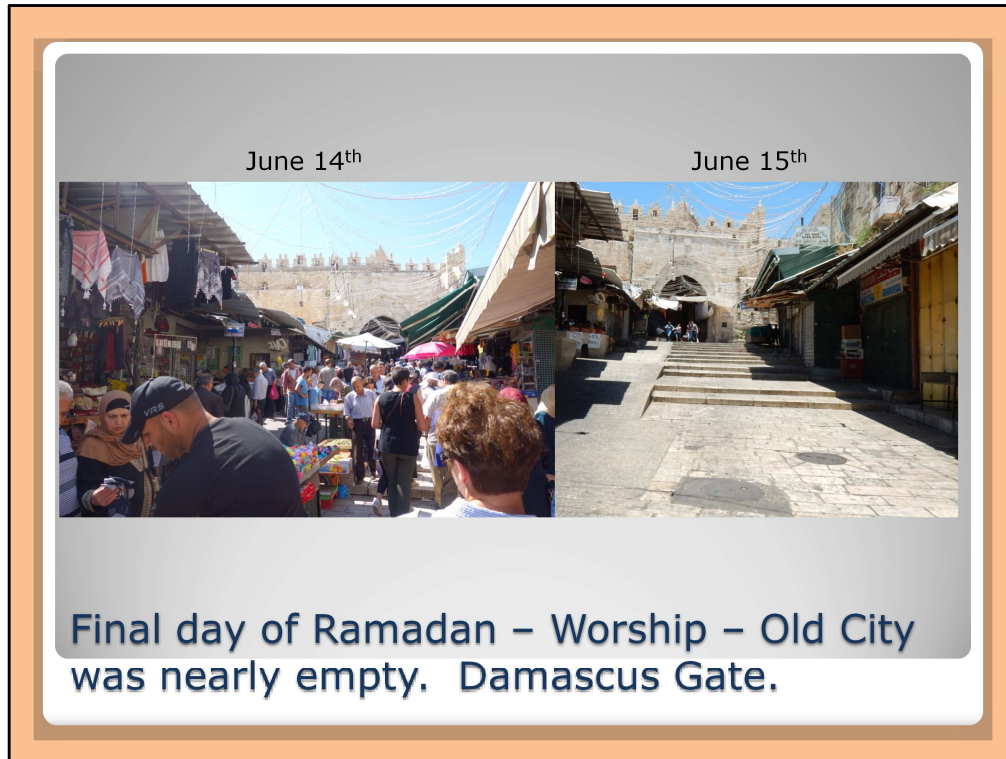
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Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period  
– As one of the tour guides passing through pointed out. It would be strange to make stop the wall and not continue straight across.



Tower of David– View of Church of the Holy Sepulcher domes – The views from the Tower of David tour and the Ramparts walk were amazing. Two domes on the Holy Sepulcher



Final day of Ramadan – Worship – Old City was nearly empty. Damascus Gate.



Returned to the hotel for the long trip  
home.

Questions??