

Discovering Jesus in His Jewish Context

Caspari Center's 10-day course

November 11 – 22, 2019 Israel

When God chose to become one of us, he did so in the specific cultural, social, economic, and political context of first-century Israel. Jesus was Jewish and preached almost exclusively to other Jews. Yet his message spread throughout the ancient world, and continues to do so today. Understanding Jesus' first-century Jewish context is essential for understanding and applying theology, here and now.

The themes will include:

- The Jerusalem that Jesus knew
- Jesus' Galilee
- Qumran: A different Judaism
- Jesus and the New Testament authors as contextual theologians
- Jewish believers in Jesus in the first and second centuries
- Covenant Theology
- Diverse perspectives of the Messianic Jewish faith
- The ongoing challenge of reconciliation



How did the Jewish Jesus of the first century become a light for all nations? We will explore this concept through lectures, meetings with local scholars and Christian/Messianic leaders, and daily field trips in and around Jerusalem. This English-language ten-day course is open to pastors, theologians, and bible students from all over the world. During the course, participants will also become acquainted with the challenges of presenting the gospel in present-day Israel.

Join us for a one-of-a-kind event that will enlighten, equip, and strengthen you as you seek to follow Jesus in your own context.



Good teaching is something that causes you to think, and this course did that. Even though I had travelled around Israel, and was already quite familiar with the Messianic movement and theology, this course still had a lot to teach me. I highly recommend it for all theologians and believers who want to deepen their faith and knowledge about Jesus in his Jewish context, and learn more about Messianic Judaism.

– Pentti Marttila, Head of overseas work of the Finnish Lutheran Overseas Mission, 2018



This course was a life-changing experience.

– Course participant, 2016

It was wonderful and presented such a great diversity of ideas. The course also dealt with difficult questions, such as Messianic Jews and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. And we weren't served easy answers! I hope to bring these new ideas into my own context.

– Course participant, 2016

Accommodations

Accommodations will be basic but clean and comfortable, at the CMA Hermitage in the Caspari building. The place is located centrally in Jerusalem (a 15-minute walk from the Old City). There will be single rooms as well as the option to share a room with another participant.



Cost

The cost of the course, including accommodations, teaching, transportation and entry to sites, is NIS 8,800 (+/- USD 2,500) for single occupancy or NIS 7,250 (+/- USD 2,100) for double occupancy. Cost is subject to slight change. Not included: airfare (participants should plan to arrive in Jerusalem before the course begins), insurance or meals.

Registration

English is required to attend the course. To register for the course, or for further information, please contact the Caspari Center office at **+972-2-6233926** or caspari@caspari.com.

