

Discovering Jesus in His Jewish Context

Caspari Center's 10-day Study Tour

April 19 – 30, 2021 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 covered 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
- Messianic Judaism as a window to the Jewishness of our faith
- The ongoing challenge of reconciliation

We will explore all these themes through lectures, meetings with local scholars and Christian/Messianic leaders, and daily field trips in and around Jerusalem. This course is open to pastors, theologians, and bible students from all over the world.

Digging deeper into the connection between the Old and New Testaments, and getting a clearer understanding of the context Jesus lived and ministered in, was truly inspiring. I learned more practical Old Testament theology in these ten days than I did in my whole theological education. Even though I'd visited Israel and the Palestinian areas many times in the past, I now have better insight into the historic and the current political

situation. The diversity of lecturers stimulated our critical thinking, generated some good discussions and gave us spiritual inspiration. I highly recommend this course!

– Trond Løberg, Senior pastor of Mortensrud Church and leader in Oasis, the movement for spiritual renewal in the Lutheran church, Norway, 2019

Thank you for inspiring teachers, excursions and lectures! I'm taking so much home with me: to share with my kids, for the benefit of my own spiritual life and for my congregation.

– Course participant, 2019

The course was very relevant for my ministry as a pastor, especially for my preaching. It increased my desire to dig more profoundly into the Bible to find treasures and deeper meaning. The teachers were interesting and high-caliber, constantly making provocative points.

– Course participant, 2019

Accommodations

Accommodations are clean and pleasant, though basic, at the CMA Hermitage (in the same building as the Caspari Center). The building is located in the very center of Jerusalem, a 15-minute walk from the Old City. There are single rooms available, as well as the option of sharing a room with another participant. The bathrooms are communal.

Cost

For Early Bird registration and payment before February 19, 2021, the cost is NIS 8000 (approx. 2,300 USD) for single occupancy or NIS 6500 (approx. USD 1900) for double occupancy.

After February 19, 2021, the cost is NIS 8500 (approx. USD 2500) for single occupancy and NIS 7000 (approx. USD 2050) for double occupancy. The cost of the course includes

accommodation, transportation, entry to sites and some meals, and is subject to slight change.

Not included in the cost: airfare (participants should plan to arrive in Jerusalem before the course begins), insurance and most meals.

Registration

English is required to attend the course.

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