



# Bible Travel Seminar

with Wesley Theological Seminary  
and Moravian Theological Seminary

May 20–June 1, 2017

13 Amazing Days of Biblical Study and Adventure  
Depart from Dulles or Philadelphia for \$3926\*



Join Dr. Bruce Birch, Dr. Carla Works and Dr. Deborah Appler

### *Your Journey Includes:*

**Guided Sightseeing & On-Site Lectures** • **Roundtrip International Airfare** (Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details)  
**Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes** (Subject to Change) • **Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Gratuities & Program Fees**  
**Buffet Breakfast & Dinner Daily** • **Deluxe Motorcoaches** • **First Class Hotels And Much, Much More!**

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**Masters Degree Credit is Available for this Travel Study Course:** two credits from Wesley Theological Seminary or from Moravian Theological Seminary. You must complete a credit registration with one of these seminaries in addition to registration for the study tour itself. Contact the Registrar's office at either school for information on the registration process. You will be required to pay tuition at the seminary standard rate for your school. Reading and written assignments will be communicated to those taking the course for credit.

## About Your Instructors...



### Bruce Birch, Ph.D.

**Bruce Birch** is Dean Emeritus of Wesley Theological Seminary where he served 38 years as Professor of Old Testament and 12 years as Academic Dean. His books and articles range from scholarly works to publications aimed at enriching the life of the church for clergy and laity. His Ph.D. was earned at Yale University in 1970, and he is ordained in the United Methodist Church. He continues to write for popular and scholarly audiences from his home in Frederick, MD.



### Carla Works, Ph.D.

**Carla Swafford Works** serves as the Associate Professor of New Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Her research interests include Pauline studies, theological interpretation, biblical ethics, and Second Temple Judaism. She is the author of *The Church in the Wilderness: Paul's Use of Exodus Traditions in 1 Corinthians* (Mohr Siebeck, 2011) and various articles, including "Philippians" in *The Women's Bible Commentary* (3rd edition). Her current research project, *Paul and the Least of These* (Eerdmans), examines the presence and role of the poor, the marginalized, and the powerless in Paul's mission and ministry.



### Deborah Appler, Ph.D.

**Deborah Appler**, an elder in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, is Professor of Hebrew Bible at Moravian Theological Seminary. Her academic interests and writing center on intersections among religion, gender, sexuality and community justice in the Hebrew Bible and how these texts and their interpretations impact faith communities in both positive and negative ways. Her interest in global interpretations of the Bible have led to collaborative teaching and research at Teofilo Kisanji University in Mbeya, Tanzania and a co-edited resource for the church that provides biblical tools to eradicate gender violence. She continues to participate in archaeological excavations and is on staff at the Jezreel Expedition. She is presently co-writing a commentary on the books of Ezra-Nehemiah.

### Day 1 & 2- Saturday & Sunday - May 20-21, 2017

Depart USA on your flight to Tel-Aviv, Israel. Arrive in Tel-Aviv and transfer to your hotel in Bethlehem.

### Day 3 - Monday - May 22, 2017

Travel to **Bethlehem** to see the cave revered as the place where Jesus was born (Matt. 1: 18 - 25; Luke 2: 1- 7). The **Church of the Nativity** was constructed on the site and is the world's oldest functioning church. Nearby you'll view **Shepherds' Field** where the Good News was first heard. Visit **Qumran**, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery, to discuss the mysterious community of the Essenes who once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight at kibbutz near the Dead Sea.

### Day 4 - Tuesday - May 23, 2017

Visit **Masada**, Herod's mountaintop fortress, which became the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore. Peer down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. Stop at the shores of the **Dead Sea** for a quick dip in the salt and mineral laden waters. **Tour the kibbutz** led by Daniela Cohen. Learn about the history and future of kibbutz movement along with its role in the modern State of Israel. Dinner and overnight at kibbutz near the Dead Sea.

### Day 5 - Wednesday - May 24, 2017

Explore the beauty of **David's spring at Ein Gedi Nature Reserve**. Travel to **Kasr El Yehud** for an Affirmation of Baptism Service at the Jordan River. When you explore the ancient **Tel of Jericho**, you will see the world's oldest stone structure and learn the history of this oasis in the desert. Travel north to **Beit Shean**, one of the Decapolis cities whose rich history is still being unearthed. Dinner and overnight near the Sea of Galilee.

### Day 6 - Thursday - May 25, 2017

Explore the recent excavations of the town of **Magdala**, connected with Mary Magdalene. At Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar, view the **ancient boat** which is thought to be from the time of Jesus. Board a boat and **ride across the Sea of Galilee**. Continue to **Bethsaida** where Jesus chose five of his disciples (Matt. 4: 18-21; John 1: 39-51). At **Tabgha**, the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the 5000, visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves (Luke 9:10-17). Walk the grounds on the Church of the **Primacy of Peter** on the shores of the Sea of Galilee (John 21). Travel to **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' ministry. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught. Recall his teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom (Matt.4: 13, 23). Your last stop for the day will be the peaceful **Mount of Beatitudes**, which overlooks the Sea of Galilee. On this hill, Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Dinner and overnight near the Sea of Galilee.

### Day 7 - Friday - May 26, 2017

Visit **Hazor**, one of the oldest archaeological sites in Israel. Here Joshua fought against Jabin (Josh 11:1-11). Hazor was later fortified by Solomon. Travel north to **Tel Dan** to see the mud brick arch constructed in pre-Israelite (Canaanites) times and where the House of David fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Travel north toward **Mt Hermon** to visit **Caesarea Philippi**. It was to this place that Jesus traveled with His disciples and nearby that Peter made his great

confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 16). Visit **Banyas**, the nature preserve on the river Banyas, one of the source streams of the Jordan. Travel through the rocky plateau of the **Golan Heights**. Dinner and overnight near the Sea of Galilee.

#### Day 8 - Saturday - May 27, 2017

Visit **Mount Arbel** and enjoy a magnificent view of the area in which Jesus ministered. Explore the excavations at **Sepphoris**, the cosmopolitan Roman capital of Galilee. It is heralded as the traditional birthplace of Mary. Visit **Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus (Matthew 2: 23) and see the **Mount of Precipice** where Luke describes how Jesus was rejected by those in the synagogue after He taught them. Filled with anger they "led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong" (Luke 4: 29). Explore **Nazareth Village**, a living display of life in biblical times. Visit the **Church of Annunciation** in Nazareth. Dinner and overnight near the Sea of Galilee.



#### Day 9 - Sunday - May 28, 2017

This morning you will be following an ancient caravan route through the **Jezreel valley**. Your first stop is **Gideon's Spring** (Ein Harod) then **Mt. Carmel**. The ancient caravan route will take you to **Tel Megiddo**, where twenty different cities lie superimposed upon each other. Finally, travel south along the coast to visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at **Caesarea**, a center of the early Christians. Here, Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new religion (Acts 10), and Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for Trial. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### Day 10 - Monday - May 29, 2017

Travel to **Bethphage** and on to the **Mt. of Olives** to enjoy the panoramic view of Jerusalem, "The Golden City". Continue to the **Garden of Gethsemane** (Luke 19:28-44), where you will see the ancient olive trees dating to the time in which Jesus was betrayed. Visit the **Church of All Nations** to be reminded of that fateful night in this garden (Luke 22:39-52). Walk the Traditional **Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Along the way view the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5: 1-31) where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle. Sing a hymn in the **Church of St. Anne**. Say a prayer at the **Western Wall**. Explore the **Southern Wall Excavations** of the Temple including the **Teaching Steps**. Explore the **Rabbis Tunnel**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



#### Day 11 - Tuesday - May 30, 2017

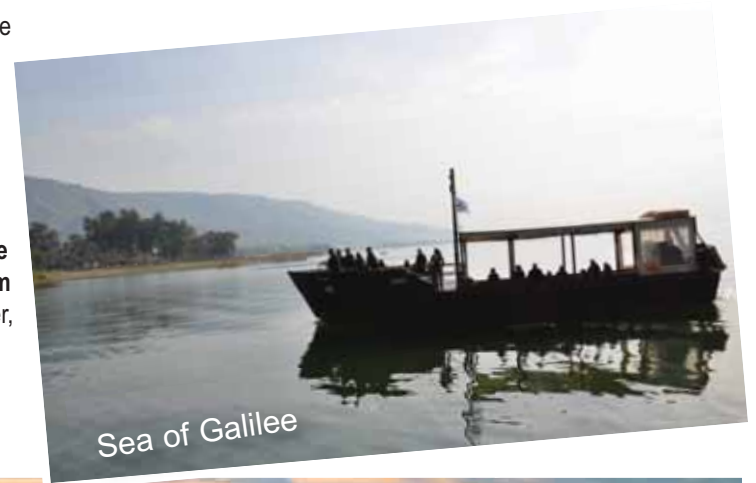
Enjoy the shifting project at **Emuk Tzurim**. Visit the **Israel Museum** where you will see the **Model of 1st Century Jerusalem** and the famous **Dead Sea Scrolls**. Travel to **Yad Vashem**, the Israeli Holocaust museum. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

#### Day 12 - Wednesday - May 31, 2017

Explore the **City of David Excavations**, including the **Pool of Siloam**. Visit **Mt. Zion**, the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu** and the **House of the High Priest Caiaphas**, where Jesus was imprisoned. See the **Upper Room** and the **Tomb of David**. Join in worship at the **Garden Tomb**. After dinner, depart to the airport for your late night flight to the USA.

#### Day 13 - Thursday - June 1, 2017

Return to USA.



# TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: JCBS  
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Host: Bruce Birch ID#: 53204

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: 05/20/17 B

Passenger Names: (as they appear on your passport)

1) Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
 Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Send me emails about my trip/JCBS info

2) Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If No Roommate:  Try to Match Me  Single Room (availability limited)

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Travel Protection Plan:  I/We Accept  I/We Decline

### Important Information Regarding Travel Protection:

- Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
- Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
- Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by JCBS. (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium)
- Premium must be paid in full no later than 2-4-17.

### PER PERSON DEPOSIT REQUIRED (See Chart for Amount)

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Jerusalem Center)

### To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.jcbcs.org

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

minors require parental or guardian signature and must be accompanied by same

Tour: JC17  
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 ID: 53204

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### Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For All Tours

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Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	.....\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	.....\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	.....\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	.....\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	.....\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	.....\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	.....\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	.....\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	.....\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	.....\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	.....\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	.....\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	.....\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	.....\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	.....\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	.....\$999

### Schedule of Coverages Maximum Benefit

Part A *	Maximum Benefit
Trip Cancellation	.....Trip Cost
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	.....\$25,000
Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance	.....\$50,000
Trip Interruption	.....Trip Cost
Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day)	.....\$500
Missed Connection	.....\$500
Baggage and Personal Effects	.....\$1,000
Baggage Delay	.....\$100

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours.

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### INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Roundtrip international airfare
- Deluxe motorcoaches
- Accommodations as selected by Leader
- Guided sightseeing
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary)
- Breakfast & dinner daily (excluding beverages)
- Hotel Gratuities
- Driver Gratuities
- Fuel surcharges \$600
- Government Taxes \$98 (government tax and fees are subject to change)
- Program Fees
- Personal "Whisper" Listening Units for groups of 15 or more

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE - will appear on your statement:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
- \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Miscellaneous fees: individual transfers; passports, laundry & other expenses of a personal nature
- lunches, beverages at meals
- baggage fees

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While JCBS will try to match roommates, JCBS/EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: **Prior = \$598**

Deposit Schedule		PAYMENTS:		
All prices reflect a 4% discount for full payment via check		Air Payment	Optional Travel Protection Plan Premium Payment	Final Payment
on or before 7-24-16 1st Deposit <b>\$100</b>	on or before 11-21-16 2nd Deposit <b>\$500</b>	All Guests booking airfare through JCBS/EOT <b>\$1200</b>	Due on or before 2-4-17 (105 days prior to departure)	Due on or before 3-6-17 (75 days prior to departure) late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed after this date
after 7-24-16 1st Deposit <b>\$300</b>	on or before 11-21-16 2nd Deposit <b>\$300</b>			
between 11-21-16 & 2-3-17 Single Deposit <b>\$600</b>		on or before 2-4-17 (105 days prior to departure)	Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	See Statement for Balance Due

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- We welcome registrations after 2-4-17.
- Registrations received between 2-4-17 – 2-19-17 will incur a \$100 per person fee.
- Registrations received between 2-20-17 – 3-6-17 will incur a \$200 per person fee.
- Registrations received after 3-7-17 will incur an additional fee based on air availability.

Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** 100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:** Participants who register for the Travel Study program accept the responsibility to be in good health and fit to travel. They are expected to walk/hike 5-8 miles per day over uneven, rocky terrain. Many of the site in the study itinerary are remote and are not accessible to the physically challenged. Those needing oxygen, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find their experience during this travel study program extremely limited. If you have questions, please contact JCBS for more details (888-431-7902 ext 287).

**PRICE INCREASES:** All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:** In order to keep prices low, JCBS/EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed," airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary.

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**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:** You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit: [www.jcbcs.org/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx](http://www.jcbcs.org/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx)

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