

Join Dr. Ralph Sexton on an Eleven Day Life-Changing
tour of the

Holy Land

October 30 - November 9, 2018

\$4,995 from Charlotte or Atlanta

The Tour Price Includes:

- * Roundtrip Airfare
- * Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- * Three Meals Daily (B/L/D)
- * Professional Guide
- * Entrance Fees
- * Tips (Driver & Guide)
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Bible Study under an Achia Tree



Jordan River Baptism

October 30 - DEPART USA

Today we meet at our international departure airport where our host will assist with check-in formalities. This evening we will enjoy a delicious dinner high above the Atlantic.

October 31 - ARRIVE TEL AVIV

This afternoon we arrive in Tel Aviv, Israel. After airport procedures have been completed we will travel a short distance to Joppa, Jonah's port of embarkation for Tarshish. Joppa was also the home of Tabitha (or Dorcas) who was raised from the dead by Peter. It was also here that Peter learned that God was interested in the salvation of the Gentiles. After our visit we will check-in to our hotel on the shore of the Mediterranean for dinner and overnight. (D)

November 1 - TEL AVIV – VALLEY OF ELAH – HEBRON - DEAD SEA

After our first breakfast in the Holy Land, we will visit the Valley of Elah where David defeated Goliath. Next, we will stop at the Biblical town of Mamre, best known as the home of Abraham & Sarah. It was at this place that God made a covenant with Abraham to make him the father of many nations. Nearby we will visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, the burial place of Abraham, Jacob, Isaac and their wives. We will conclude our journey at our hotel along the shores of the Dead Sea. (B/L/D)

November 2 - MASADA – EIN GEDI - DEAD SEA

This morning we will travel a short distance to visit the mountain fortress of Masada, truly a remarkable piece of history. We will ascend by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where the Jewish zealots made the last stand of the Judean revolt against Rome. Today the remains of Herod's buildings, palaces, storehouses, cisterns, and a 6th Century Byzantine church are still in view. We will then drive north along the shores of the Dead Sea to Ein Gedi, a green oasis in the middle of the desert, and see the area where David hid while fleeing from King Saul. This afternoon is at leisure to float in the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is 1300 feet below sea level and is the lowest spot on the earth. The waters of the Dead Sea are made up of 25% salt and are so dense that



Teaching at Bethabara

it is impossible to sink. (B/L/D)

November 3 - QUMRAN - BETHABARA - JERICHO - BEIT SHE'AN - CANA - TIBERIAS

Today we leave the Dead Sea and begin our journey to the Galilee area. We'll visit Qumran to see the caves where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden. After lunch we will visit Jericho and see the excavations of the ancient walls, view the Mount of Temptation, and see Elijah's Spring. After lunch, we stop and visit the new excavations at Beit She'an. Here we will see the excavations of the city where the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and Jonathan. On our way to Tiberias we will stop in the little town of Cana where Christ turned the water into wine. We will hold a short ceremony in an ancient church for the couples who wish to renew their marriage vows. Then we'll proceed to our hotel in Tiberias, our home for the next two nights, on the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

November 4 - BOAT RIDE – JESUS BOAT – CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES - CAESAREA PHILIPPI – GOLAN HEIGHTS - JORDAN RIVER BAPTISMAL

We will begin our day in Tiberias with a Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, while we are on the boat we will pause for a brief worship service and remember the many miracles our Lord performed in this area. We'll dock at Ginossar to visit the "Jesus Boat" museum to see a boat that dates back to the time of Jesus. We will then visit The Church of Magdala, where a recent synagogue was discovered, dating back to the time of Christ. We then drive up to the Mount of Beatitudes to read the Sermon on the Mount. Then following a special lunch of St. Peter's fish, we will visit Capernaum, to see the remains of Peter's house, an early church, and an ancient synagogue. Nearby we will visit the Primacy of Peter where Jesus commanded Peter to "Feed my sheep". Next we'll travel to the site of Caesarea Philippi (Banias) where springs form a source of the Jordan River. Near here Peter made his great confession that Jesus Christ was Lord! From several vantage points today we can see Mount Herman in the distance. We then travel along the Eastern side of the Sea of Galilee through the Golan Heights. Our guide will explain the controversial and strategic points of this important tract of land. On the return to our hotel in Tiberias we'll stop on the banks of the Jordan River for a very special baptismal service and then we will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

November 5 – NAZARETH VILLAGE - MEGIDDO - MOUNT CARMEL - CAESAREA - JERUSALEM

After breakfast we'll start the day with a visit to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. We will tour the 'Nazareth Village' and experience life as it was 2,000 years ago. Our



Worship in the Antonia Fortress



Exploring the Temple Mount

journey continues to Megiddo on the Plain of Armageddon to see King Solomon's stables and ancient water supply system. Prophecy will come alive at Megiddo as we look over the Valley of Armageddon, site of the final world war! After lunch we'll continue along the coast to Mount Carmel to see the site of Elijah's triumph over the prophets of Baal. We'll then visit Caesarea by the sea and see the Crusaders' castle, the Roman amphitheater, the seaport from which the Apostle Paul sailed to Rome, and the Roman aqua duct system. Then we'll drive to Jerusalem, capital of Israel for over 3000 years. Upon arrival in Jerusalem our guide will lead us in the traditional Jewish welcome, a custom which dates back to the time of Abraham. Dinner and overnight will be at our hotel in Jerusalem. (B/L/D)

November 6 - TEMPLE MOUNT - ST. ANNE'S CHURCH - SHEPHERD'S FIELD - BETHLEHEM - CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Today we will enter the Old City of Jerusalem for the first time and embark on an exciting walking tour! We'll enter the Old City through the Dung Gate and, if conditions permit, we will ascend to the Temple Mount where the Jewish temple stood until its destruction in 70 A.D. If possible, we will walk on the Temple Mount and pass the Dome of the Rock Mosque built over the rock where Abraham prepared to sacrifice Isaac. We'll also pass the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Golden Gate. Then we'll visit the beautiful Crusader Church dedicated to St. Anne and the nearby Pool of Bethesda. After lunch we will travel to Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus, to visit the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave of Christ's birth. We will also see the ancient crafts of Bethlehem dating from Crusader times. If the situation permits, we will visit the Plains of Boaz and the Shepherd's field to see caves where shepherds kept their sheep. We will also pass Rachel's Tomb. Time permitting, we will visit one of the famous Bethlehem gift shops before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

November 7 - MOUNT OF OLIVES - WESTERN WALL TUNNEL - PILATE'S PALACE - ROMAN CARDO - KING DAVID'S TOMB - UPPER ROOM - TEMPLE TREASURES - SOUTHERN STEPS

This morning we will travel a short distance to the Mount of Olives for a breathtaking view of the city of Jerusalem. While we are here, our guide will point out all of the important sites of Jerusalem. We will re-enter the Old City of Jerusalem for a walking tour. Our first stop is the Western Wall (Wailing Wall). We will also visit the Western Wall and Tunnel excavation site. We will continue our walk through the Old City to the Fortress of Antonia, site of Pilate's Palace. We will pass many of the traditional Stations of the Cross as walk the Via Dolorosa through

part of the old colorful bazaar. After lunch in the Old City, we will walk through the Jewish Quarter and the ancient Roman Cardo. Along the way we will visit the Museum of the Temple Treasures to see many of the recreated elements for the proposed new temple. Then we will visit the Upper Room and the traditional Tomb of King David. We will end the day on the Southern Steps of the Temple Mount, where Christ himself walked on the very stones to Herod's "second temple" and see the place where our Savior taught the Scriptures. (B/L/D)

November 8 - GETHSEMANE - POOL OF SILOAM - CAIAPHAS' HOUSE - CALVARY - GARDEN TOMB

This is our last day in Jerusalem so we want to make the most of it. We will start today's tour with a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane. We will pause here for a private worship service and meditate in the area where Jesus had His agony and was betrayed. From this vantage point we also get an excellent view of the Eastern gate. As we reflect on Jesus' great sacrifice for our sins, we can look ahead with great anticipation as we await his imminent return. After our worship service we will take a short walk through the Valley of the Tombs. Along the way we will pass the traditional tombs of Absalom and Ezra. After our walk we will visit the recent archaeological discovery of the Pool of Siloam. This is the place where Jesus told the blind man to wash the mud from his eyes so he would see. Afterwards, we will travel a short distance to the House of Caiaphas where Peter denied Christ three times. After lunch we will view King Solomon's Rock Quarry, then visit Calvary and the Garden Tomb, a peaceful spot where we will have a private communion service as we reflect on Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. This evening we will enjoy a delicious dinner at our hotel. (B/L/D)

November 9 - TEL AVIV - USA

Today our memorable journey comes to an end. We will transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv and board the plane for our return flight home. In flight we can fellowship with our friends and remember the many things we shared together.



Praying in Gethsemane

