

Comments from Those Who Participated in the Holy Land 2018 Pilgrimage



The main reason I wanted to go is to actually walk where Jesus walked and just soak in the sights, sounds, smells, and feelings of the land. It is indeed holy land. I am most looking forward to how the Scriptures come alive afterwards, once I've been there.

Beverly Caldwell

I went to hear Linda speak about her trip to the Holy Land and was immediately inspired by her enthusiasm. I love to travel and the Holy Land was on my bucket list. I was sold on the trip when Linda said that we would meet together as a group in the months ahead of the trip and learn more about what we were going to see. It has been great getting to know the people we will be travelling with. In addition to studying the Gospels, we also learned the history of the Temple Mount and a basic understanding of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Debbie Foster

By walking in Jesus' footsteps, I hope that by being physically closer to Jesus I can be spiritually closer to God. The best thing about it all is that I'm on this journey with my church family.

Drew Matthews

I said "yes" to this pilgrimage, because I felt it would be an amazing, life-changing experience! I was excited to see the holy places and especially, Masada. I have become more aware of the impact of Jesus and the prophets on the people of Jesus' time, and know I am blessed to be able to have this experience with other Christians.

Sue Papazian

I said yes to this pilgrimage because it has been on my list of things I really want to do and I wasn't going to wait for a safer/more convenient/less expensive (fill in the adjective or excuse of the day) to come around before I went. I love the sounds and smells and feel of a place that is so much more ancient and enduring than anything I have ever imagined. During our/my time preparing, I have learned that I knew more of the Bible than I realized. Going through Disciple Bible Study with a group is a pilgrimage of a sort and it help prepare me for this more than I realized in the beginning.

Donna Warren

We were looking forward to seeing and experiencing the places central to our Christian faith, especially the places where Jesus lived and died--places like Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane and so many more. We said "yes" to this pilgrimage because we believe a trip to the Holy Land needs to be with others who want to deepen their understanding of Jesus and their faith. We felt that Linda would be a good spiritual leader and a fun person with whom to travel. In our monthly meetings we have read the Bible, watched videos, studied maps and learned not only about the geography and the historical setting of Palestine during Jesus' lifetime but also about the people with whom He lived. I was the one wanting to go, but my husband was so glad that we went. We both got so much out of it. Thank you so much for all the time and effort you made to make it a truly educational, inspirational and fun trip!

Faye Hayes