



A Course for Israeli Tour Guides for Guiding Protestant Christians in Israel

Protestant Christians come to Israel to understand the land of Israel-- its geography, history, and archaeology--- in order to better understand the Bible. Many of the Protestant Christians know the bible stories, **what they are hoping is to understand the Bible, this is what brings them to Israel**, and part of a tour guide's job is to help them achieving it. Too often, Protestant Christians leave Israel with a sense of disappointment because while they saw a lot and learned a lot about modern Israel, and heard the familiar bible stories, they didn't really gain new insight into their Bible, because they cannot get what they have seen to the physical, historical, cultural, and spiritual contexts of the Bible. This online course aims at helping Israel tour guides to provide Protestant Christians a best-in-class experience to relate their guiding to someone that comes here in order to understand the Bible.

This online course comes from my years of lecturing Israeli tour guides about guiding Christians in Israel, and the repeated request for an opportunity for guides to learn more and have a more comprehensive learning experience from me that provides practical and actionable ideas for tour guides with their Christian clients. **This course offers Israeli tour guides unique insights that will help them more effectively guide Protestant Christians in Israel.** I bring twenty-two years of guiding experience working with Protestant Christians through the lands of the Bible (Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, and Italy). My desire is to help Israeli tour guides better understand their Protestant clients, what they want and need from their tours to Israel, in order to help the guides more effectively guide Protestant Christians.

This will be an **informative, interactive course aims to provides practical and actionable ideas** in which the tour guides can help their tourists understand the Bible better by using the physical, historical, cultural, and spiritual contexts of the Bible, especially the New Testament. By looking at sites known to the tour guides, the course will show how the sites—their physical settings and archaeology and the historical records outside the Bible —can provide opportunities for guides to help their tourists read their Bible better and satisfy the primary goal of Protestant Christians visiting the land of Israel. **It will help tour guides guide their clients better.**

Schedule

Introduction:

- **Class #1: June 12, 2019**—A Four-dimensional approach to guiding Christians in Israel: Windows Into the Bible
- **Class #2: June 16, 2019**—Reading Jewish sources as a background for the New Testament
 - Josephus
 - Dead Sea Scrolls
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - Parables

Galilee and the Coast:

- **Class #3: June 19, 2019**—Caesarea
 - Peter, Cornelius, and Acts 15—Jews and Gentiles in the Ancient World
 - Pilate
 - Akiva and the Cross of Jesus
- **Class #4: June 23, 2019**—Nazareth
 - The Family of Jesus
 - The Birth of Jesus
- **Class #6: June 26, 2019**—The Sea of Galilee—Beitsaida Valley, Arbel, and the Ginnosar Valley
 - The Galilee of Jesus
 - Feeding of the 5000
 - John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus
- **Class #7: June 30, 2019**—Magdala
 - Mishnah Avot and the New Testament
 - Jesus the teacher
- **Class #8: July 3, 2019**—Chorazin
 - Jesus and the Pharisees
 - Luke 4: Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth
 - Faith and Piety in the home
- **Class #9: July 7, 2019**—Capernaum
 - Jesus and the Hasidim
 - Miracles and Exorcisms in the Ministry of Jesus

Dead Sea:

- **Class #10: July 10, 2019**—Masada
 - Fourth Philosophy, Jesus, and the Kingdom of Heaven
 - The Masada Martyrs and the Death of Judas Iscariot

Jerusalem:

- **Class #11: July 14, 2019**—Israel Museum and the City of David
 - A biblical walkthrough of the Museum
 - Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the New Testament
- **Class #12: July 17, 2019**—Davidson and Southern Wall Excavations
 - Jesus and the Money Changers
 - The Day of Pentecost
- **Class #13: July 21, 2019**—Herodian Quarter
 - Jesus and the Chief Priests—the Last Week of Jesus
- **Class #14: July 24, 2019**—Gethsemane—Jaffa—Gennath—Holy Sepulcher
 - The Death and Resurrection of Jesus: His final hours