# **JESUS AND HIS TIMES**



# **DAY 1: Arrival Day**

On this day you will arrive for your program and check in to your housing accommodations. Get some rest and prepare for the start of your program the next morning!



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#### DAY 2: Herodian Jerusalem







Begin the day with a program orientation to unpack logistics, tour JUC's campus, and meet your instructor. A lecture will lay the groundwork for future field studies, ending with a walk around the city to view Jerusalem through a New Testament lens. Suggested Reading: Mt. 21, 23; Jn. 5:1-14; Jn. 9; Acts 2



#### **DAY 3: Herodian Jerusalem**

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Today you will set out on a second walk around Jerusalem to discover the unique impact Herod the Great had on the people, structures, and culture of the city during the time of Jesus.

Suggested Reading: Mt. 21, 23; Jn. 5:1-14; Jn. 9; Acts 2



#### **DAY 4: The Dead Sea Area**

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On this day you will explore sites such as Masada, Ein Gedi, and Qumran. Our objective will be to unpack the religious communities of Jesus' day and the political events that followed for insight into the surrounding culture and narratives.

Suggested Reading: 1 Sam. 23-24; Ps. 63; Ezk. 47



#### **DAY 5: Bethlehem**

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This field study takes you into Bethlehem and its neighboring areas to discover the geographical significance of the location where Jesus was born, while surveying the historical setting for his entrance into the world.

Suggested Reading: Mic. 5; Isa. 7; Lk. 1-2



#### **DAY 6: Exploration Day**

This day is here for you! Take advantage of a day without lectures to rest, study, explore new places, or revisit familiar sites.



## **DAY 7: Upper/Lower Galilee**

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Today you begin your journey north with visits to sites like Beth She'an, Nazareth, and Sepphoris to examine how the geographical situation of Jesus' hometown and its neighboring international influence informed the man he became.

Suggested Reading: Mt. 13:53-58; Lk. 4:14-30; Jn. 2:1-12

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# **DAY 8: Huleh Basin & Golan Heights**







With an enhanced understanding of the international influence present in Jesus' day, this field study will help you interpret the people's varied responses – and how Jesus' response differed.

Suggested Reading: Mt. 16:13-17:23; Lk. 21; Acts 9



## DAY 9: Sea of Galilee

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This day focuses on Jesus' ministry around the Sea of Galilee. By tapping into the context in which he lived, you will gain insight into the geographical and cultural realities that influenced his teachings and decisions.

Suggested Reading: Mt. 4-11, 14; Mk. 4-5; Lk. 8



#### **DAY 10: Jordan Valley**

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Today you will follow Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem by visiting sites such as the Jordan River, New Testament Jericho, and the Judean Wilderness. Contemplate the contexts that informed the interactions and experiences preceding his death and resurrection. Suggested Reading: Mt. 3:13–17, 4:1–11; Lk. 19:1–10



## DAY 11: Passion Week

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Reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross by unearthing the historical and cultural realities surrounding his death. Consider his sacrifice as you begin the day atop the Mt. of Olives, progress down toward the city, and end the day at a 1st c. period tomb. Suggested Reading: 2 Sam. 15; Ps. 48; Ezk. 10, 43; Mt. 27–28; Lk. 19:28–ch 24



#### **DAY 12: Post-Resurrection**

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With a new understanding of the life and times of Jesus, you will now focus on Jesus' final days on earth, unpacking the charge he gave to his disciples to be his witnesses in all Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

Suggested Reading: Lk. 24; Acts 1



## **DAY 13: Exam/Exploration Day**

Credit-seeking students will complete their exam for the course. After the scheduled exam period, all students will gather for a final departure meeting.



# **DAY 14: Departure Day**

This day marks the conclusion of your program. Plan to depart Tel Aviv on your scheduled flight. Thank you for entrusting JUC with your journey through the Land of the Bible. We hope to welcome you back again one day!

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# **ITINERARY KEY:**







Terrain Intensity (1=Easy, 5=Difficult)