Your Journey Includes:

- Guided Sightseeing & on-site Lectures
- All Administrative & Entrance Fees
- Hotel Gratuities
- Buffet Breakfast & Dinner daily
- All Lunches in itinerary
- Good-quality Hotels and much, much more!

*All prices are in British Pounds (GBP)

For more details (including information about Single Room Supplements, flight options etc.) please see the separate Registration Form.

Friends of Wycliffe Study Tour with Peter Walker

April 24 - May 2, 2019

£1,575 GBP - Ground Only

Please note these land costs do not include your flight costs to and from Tel Aviv.
Wycliffe Hall is delighted to welcome you on this exciting tour of the Holy Land—designed especially for our many Wycliffe alumni as well as for our much-valued supporters and friends.

The tour will be led by Dr. Peter Walker, who himself trained for ordained ministry at Wycliffe and then served on the staff here for 16 years as a Tutor in New Testament Studies. During that time, Peter led numerous tours to the Holy Land for Wycliffe students and we are grateful that, now that he has returned from teaching in North America, he is able to lead once more a ‘Wycliffe adventure’ to the land at the centre of our biblical faith.

In just nine days we will see almost all the places in the Holy Land mentioned in the Gospels and Acts—from Bethlehem in the south to Caesarea Philippi in the far north. We will have four nights in Galilee, followed by four nights in Jerusalem, staying not far from the Old City. We will also be visiting during the Holy Land’s most special season of the year—enjoying the late spring colours just after Easter Sunday.

So please join us for what, we trust, will be a ‘trip of a life-time’—full of biblical teaching and spiritual inspiration. For those in ordained ministry we hope that this will resource you for further fruitful ministry; and for all of us we pray that we will return with a fresh understanding of Jesus—both as he truly was and as he truly is, our Risen Lord!

OVERVIEW

Our chief guide in our journey together will be the Gospel of Luke. So it is fitting that, if our flights arrive on time, we may be able to start our tour with a ‘bonus’ visit to Caesarea Maritima, the coastal capital of ancient Palestine mentioned in the Book of Acts (chs. 10; 23-27) and visited by Luke himself when he visited this city with Paul on route to Jerusalem (Acts 21:8-15).

We then enjoy three full days in the territory of ancient Galilee, staying on the Mount of Beatitudes, with its incredible views down over Lake Galilee. We will visit Nazareth and enjoy great views from the high rocks of Mount Arbel; we will pause in the middle of the lake during our boat-ride to remember Jesus’ calming of the storm. We will see the excavations of Bethsaida, Capernaum and Magdala, look at the so-called ‘Jesus boat’ and stand on the bank of the River Jordan to remember our baptismal vows. We will also drive north to experience Caesarea Philippi, set in the foothills of Mount Hermon. In each place we will open our Bibles (especially Luke 4-9), to learn more about Jesus’ ministry in its original context and to hear his Word to us for today.

Then, as Jesus ‘set his face to go to Jerusalem’ (Luke 9:51), we too will ‘go up’ to Jerusalem, travelling along the Jordan Valley, passing through Jericho before pausing in the Judean desert to ponder the significance of Jesus’ final journey up to Jerusalem (Luke 19). Your first view of Jerusalem will be from the Mount of Olives, looking across to the site of the ancient Temple and watching the sun go down over the Old City.

We then have three full days to enjoy the Jerusalem area: seeing the birth-places of John the Baptist and Jesus (Luke 1:2); sitting on the steps used by Joseph and Mary as they took Jesus into the Temple (Luke 2); walking along the route of Palm Sunday (Luke 19); looking up at the Temple where Jesus taught with such authority (Luke 20); getting to know Jerusalem’s streets as we reconstruct the night of Jesus’ Passover Meal and pausing under the olive trees in Gethsemane (Luke 22); and, as a fitting climax, visiting the sites associated with Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection (Luke 23:23-24).

There’s a lot to take in! So it is good that we will have an opportunity on our final day—no doubt after some final shopping!—to have some time in the countryside west of Jerusalem to consider the great story of the Risen Jesus speaking to two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24). Like them we will try to make sense of all that we have heard and seen in Jerusalem, and be asking the Risen Jesus to help us to understand better what has been written ‘concerning himself in all the Scriptures’ (v. 27) and to follow him more closely throughout our lives—truly walking in his steps.
**ITINERARY**

**Wednesday 24 April 2019: Departure and arrival**
- Depart from London *(flight times to be confirmed)*
- Arrive at Tel Aviv airport
- Possible visit to Caesarea Maritima (if time) en route to Lake Galilee
- Welcome meeting at the Mount of Beatitudes Guest-House *(where we stay for 4 nights)*

**Thursday 25 April 2019: Nazareth**
- Nazareth: Church of Annunciation & ‘Sisters of Nazareth’ Excavations;
- Lunch at ‘Nazareth Village’
- Drive through traditional site of Cana to view the Sea of Galilee from Mount Arbel

**Friday 26 April 2019: Jesus’ ministry around the Sea of Galilee**
- Capernaum and the Lakeside
- Lunch on the Mount of Beatitudes, followed by walk down to the lakeside
- The ‘Jesus boat’ Museum
- Boat ride

**Saturday 27 April 2019: Caesarea Philippi & the eastern shore**
- Magdala and Chorazin
- Picnic lunch by the River Jordan within Bethsaida Park
- Drive north to Caesarea Philippi and Banias Waterfalls

**Sunday 28 April 2019: Travelling up to Jerusalem**
- Morning worship in our hotel (Orthodox Easter Sunday)
- Drive down the Jordan valley: ancient Decapolis city of Beit Shean
- Lunch in Jericho
- Qumran, followed by floating on the Dead Sea
- Reflection in the Judean wilderness (overlooking Wadi Qelt)
- Drive up to Jerusalem for panoramic view from Mount of Olives at sunset
- Transfer to our hotel (800 yards north of the Old City) for 4 nights

**Monday 29 April 2019: Around Bethlehem**
- Israel Museum: Dead Sea Scrolls & Model of 1st-century Jerusalem
- Drive via Ein Karem (birthplace of John the Baptist) towards Bethlehem
- Lunch at Bethlehem Bible College
- Church of the Nativity
- Shepherds’ Fields and olive-wood shopping
- Brief stop below Herodion (Herod’s fortress & burial place)
- Pause at Talpiot Promenade

**Tuesday 30 April 2019: Old City of Jerusalem**
- 6.00am Early morning visit to Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Mount of Olives: walk from Bethphage along the ‘Palm Sunday’ route to the garden of Gethsemane
- Lunch in Old City at ‘Ecce Homo’ Convent
- City of David with Hezekiah’s Tunnel

**Wednesday 1 May 2019: Walking around Jerusalem**
- The Garden Tomb
- Byzantine ‘Mount Zion’ (the ‘upper city’ of Jesus’ day)
- Walk down through Jewish quarter to the Temple steps & Western Wall
- City of David, with option of walking through Hezekiah’s Tunnel
- Free from mid-afternoon for further options of your own choice

**Thursday 2 May 2019: Return to the UK**
- Morning free for shopping or sight-seeing
- Picnic lunch with reflection on the Road to Emmaus
- Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for your flight home *(flight times to be confirmed)*

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**Your Tour Guide**

Dr. Peter Walker first visited the Holy Land in 1981 and has been leading tours on a regular basis since 1984—tours for clergy, students and lay people, tours for people from every continent (but especially UK, North America and East Africa). He has a particular interest in helping those in ordained ministry to gain insights from their visit to the Holy Land which will inform their life-long teaching ministry.

His own doctoral research work investigated how the first Christians understood the significance of Jerusalem—from the time of the apostles through to the Byzantine era in the fourth century. This has led to Peter’s writing numerous books on Jesus and Jerusalem, including the popular-level books *In the Steps of Jesus* and *The Story of the Holy Land.*

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Dr. Peter Walker
Dr. Peter Walker read Classics at Cambridge University and then spent a further seven years in Cambridge pursuing doctoral and post-doctoral research on the topic of Jerusalem and the Holy Land—both in the New Testament and Patristic periods. He was ordained in 1989 and served his curacy in the diocese of Rochester. For many years he taught New Testament Studies and Biblical Theology at Wycliffe Hall in the University of Oxford and then, from 2012 to 2017, was Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity School for Ministry (near Pittsburgh, PA, USA). He is now back in the UK, working on various projects, including the editing of a video filmed in the Holy Land (based on his book In the Steps of Jesus) and also acting as a theological advisor to the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC).

Dr. Walker is widely acknowledged as one of the foremost experts on the Holy Land. In addition to In the Steps of Jesus ( Lion Hudson, 2006) and The Story of the Holy Land ( Lion Hudson, 2013), his books on Jerusalem and the Holy Land include: Holy City, Holy Places? (Oxford University Press, 1990); Jesus and the Holy City (Eerdmans, 1996); Walking in his Steps (HarperCollins, 2001). He has also edited two volumes of essays, drawing together a wide variety of Christian approaches to the Holy Land today: Jerusalem Past and Present in the Purposes of God (Paternoster, 1994) and The Land of Promise (IVP, 2000).

This itinerary has been devised by Dr. Walker in collaboration with the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies—a non-profit organization established in 1973. It is an academic study centre, based just north of Jerusalem’s Old City, with a ministry of helping Christian scholars, pastors, students and visitors to visit the land of Jesus under the guidance of well-qualified academic instructors and Bible teachers. JCBS will be your hosts throughout the tour and are responsible for the delivery of the advertised itinerary. The Center, which is an accredited academic institution within Israel, has appointed Dr. Walker to be your academic instructor and spiritual guide for the duration of the study tour.

What people** on recent Study Tours with Peter have said afterwards:

- “To experience Peter’s leading of Holy Land tours is like being a member of a world-class symphony orchestra with Peter as the master conductor: the outcome is transformational! Peter’s years of Holy Land experience, passion for scripture and his academic foundation, when combined, all make for an experience that is not only educational but also inspired and Spirit-filled. There is no better combination than Dr. Peter Walker and the Holy Land.”

- “Peter Walker is a leader of pilgrims—those who go to places to be changed, transformed. Peter opens up the land, the people, and the places where Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose—making Him more real.”

- “We so appreciated Peter’s deep love of Jesus, his many years of advanced study and his intimate familiarity with the Holy Land. His thoughtful approach to each itinerary incorporates teaching and timing in a robust blend that allows for prayer, for reflection and for personal encounter with the Lord in the midst of travel.”

** Names can be supplied upon request