



Join Bishop Linda Lee on a Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine

The Land of Jesus: Then & Now
January 2-12, 2012



Bishop Linda Lee and Reverend Forrest Wells will lead *The Land of Jesus: Then & Now*, a Wisconsin Conference trip to Israel and Palestine, January 2 - 12, 2012. This pilgrimage will acquaint participants with the geographical and cultural settings of the Bible in Israel and Palestine (the West Bank). It will explore points of contact between Christianity, Islam and Judaism, build appreciation for the traditions and heritage of the three Abrahamic faiths, and introduce participants to the nature of Christianity in the Holy Land today. There will be daily field trips to archaeological sites and shrines, forums on historical and contemporary themes, and visits to churches and mission sites. Person-to-person learning experiences with indigenous Christians, Muslims and Jews will supplement the field trips. Cost is \$3,296. A three-day elective, entitled *The Wonders of Jordan & Petra*, is also available for \$898. Those who participate in this elective trip will return on January 15th. New this year, a \$400 scholarship is available for any clergy who has not previously traveled with The Society of Biblical Studies. For more information, visit www.sbsedu.org or contact Forrest Wells at 608-752-0548 or frwells@wisconsinumc.org.



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OBJECTIVES:

- To provide an overview of the geographical, social, historical, archaeological and cultural settings of the Bible
- To gain an overview of modern biblical scholarship, including the rudiments of archaeology, and its importance for clergy and lay people
- To promote personal and group spirituality
- To become acquainted with the key issues in biblical studies and the study of Christian origins

- To become familiar with the nature of Christianity in the Holy Land and the role of the church today
- To gain understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its impact on neighboring countries, possibilities for peacemaking

TEXTS:

Each person enrolled will automatically receive *The Word of God and the World of the Bible* in advance of the program. Ordinands and those receiving Continuing Education credit should read at least one of the books from the reading list. All participants will find reading one of the following books to be beneficial.

- 1) Ateek, Naim. *Justice and Only Justice*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989.
- 2) Borg, Marcus J. *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. New York, NY: HarperSanFrancisco, 1994.
- 3) Chacour, Elias. *Blood Brothers*. Tarrytown, NY: Chosen Books, 1984.
- 4) Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Real Jesus*. New York, NY: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996.
- 5) Kimball, Charles. *Striving Together*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.
- 6) Miano, Peter J. *The Word of God and the World of the Bible: An Introduction to the Cultural Backgrounds of the New Testament*. London: Melisende, 2001.
- 7) Oz, Amos. *Israel, Palestine and Peace*, New York, NY: Vintage, 1994.
- 8) Rousseau, John J. and Arav, Rami. *Jesus and His World*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995.

ITINERARY:

Day 1 MON	Depart USA
Day 2 TUE	Arrive Tel Aviv, overnight in Bethlehem
Day 3 WED	<p>Theme: Introductions and Orientation</p> <p>Field Trip: Bethlehem, Old City walking tour, Church of the Nativity (Lk 2; Mt 2), Herodion, Shepherd's Fields, Tent of Nations, Solomon's Pools (time permitting)</p> <p>PM forum: TBA</p> <p>Overnight in Bethlehem</p>
Day 4 THUR	<p>Theme: The Coastal Plain and Lower Galilee</p> <p>Field Trip: Caesarea Maritima (Acts 10; 23:23–26:31), Kibbutz Mishmar ha Emek (meeting with Lydia Aisenberg), Megiddo (Rev. 16:16), The House of Hope</p> <p>Overnight in Galilee</p>
Day 5 FRI	<p>Theme: Jesus' Ministry in Lower Galilee</p> <p>Field Trip: Sepphoris, Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation, Sisters of Nazareth Convent (subject to confirmation), St. Gabriel's Church (Matt 2: 23, Luke 1: 26-38, 4: 16-30, 1 Kings 21, John 4: 46-54)</p> <p>Overnight in Galilee</p>

Day 6 SAT	<p>Theme: Jesus' Ministry and Resurrection Around the Sea of Galilee</p> <p>Field Trip: Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Wadi Hammam, Capernaum, Tabgha, (John 21), Mt. of the Beatitudes (Luke 13: 10-21, Matt 5-7, 11: 20-24, Mark 4- 6, John 21), Jordan Valley, Jericho (Joshua 5-7, Judges 1: 27- 36)</p> <p>Overnight in Bethlehem</p>
Day 7 SUN	<p>Theme: Judea and Samaria</p> <p>Field Trip: Worship in Taybeh, 1st Century House, Nablus, Mt. Gerizim, Jacob's Well, Sebastiyia/Samaria, OR Al Jib (Gibeon), subject to local conditions</p> <p>Overnight in Bethlehem</p>
Day 8 MON	<p>Theme: Jerusalem and Its Environs at the Time of Jesus</p> <p>Field Trip: Israel Museum, 2nd Temple Model, Shrine of the Book, Mt. of Olives (Luke 19: 23-47; Matt. 25), Orientation to Jerusalem, Rockefeller Museum</p> <p>PM forum: TBA</p> <p>Overnight in Bethlehem</p>
Day 9 TUES	<p>Theme: Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection</p> <p>Field Trip: Old city walking tour, Western Wall, Temple Mount/Harem esh Sharif (if possible), Lithostratos, Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Mt. 27-28; John 20), Garden of Gethsemane</p> <p>PM forum: TBA</p> <p>Overnight in Bethlehem</p>
Day 10 WED	<p>Theme: The Judean Wilderness</p> <p>Field Trip: Masada, Qumran, The Dead Sea, Ein Gedi (1 Samuel)</p> <p>Overnight in Bethlehem</p>
Day 11 THURS	Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport, departure and return to USA

ELECTIVE: *The Wonders of Petra* (3 days, \$898 based on 10 travelers)

Day 10 WED	<p>Theme: The Judean Wilderness</p> <p>Field Trip: Masada, Qumran, The Dead Sea, Ein Gedi (1 Samuel), transfer to Allenby Bridge</p> <p>Overnight in Wadi Musa (Petra)</p>
Day 11 THURS	<p>Theme: The Rose Red City</p> <p>Field Trip: Full day tour of Petra with optional hikes to Ad Deir (The Monastery) or the High Place of Sacrifice</p> <p>Overnight in Wadi Musa</p>
Day 12 FRI	<p>Theme: The King's Highway</p> <p>Field Trip: Al Beidha (Neolithic settlement) and Siq al Barid (Little Petra), Shoback Castle overview, Kerak Castle overview, Wadi Mujib</p> <p>Overnight in Amman</p>
Day 13 SAT	<p>Theme: Christian Origins in Jordan</p> <p>Field Trip: Jerash (Mark 7:31), Madaba, Mt. Nebo (Deut. 34)</p> <p>Overnight in Amman</p>
Day 14 SUN	Transfer to Queen Alia Airport, departure and return to USA

- Worship will be arranged on Sundays with indigenous Christians.
- Stipulated meetings with indigenous people and mission sites are subject to change. Appropriate substitutions may be made to accommodate local circumstances.
- Daily itinerary is subject to local conditions. The order of days may be modified.
- Morning and evening forums on various topics will be arranged throughout the program.

THE SOCIETY FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM CONDITIONS

Clergy scholarships: Clergy under a Bishop's appointment who have not traveled with The Society for Biblical Studies before will receive a \$400 scholarship from The Society for Biblical Studies.

Included in the Price (\$3,296) of the Program: Round trip airfare from Chicago; lodging; breakfast and dinner daily; ground transportation during the program and entrance fees for sites on the course outline; instruction/lectures/guiding; airport and departure taxes; facilities and security fees; tips for reception, housekeeping and waiters at hotels; administrative fees. The price is based on 35 people in the group. If the group is smaller than this, a surcharge may be assessed.

Program Price Does Not Include: Transfers to, from or between domestic (U.S.) airports; optional costs such as single room supplements and travel insurance; personal expenses such as laundry; individual travel arrangements; beverages at meals; lunches (estimated to be \$5-\$15 per day); tips for bus drivers and guides (variable, about \$5-\$10 per person per day); passports and foreign visas (Jordanian visa, \$30 per person); airline baggage fees; excess baggage fees; or fees and surcharges imposed after 31 March 2011.

Registration and Payment: A deposit of \$200 is required with registration at least 90 days prior to departure (4 October 2011). Full payment is required 70 days prior to departure (24 October 2011). A late fee of \$75 will apply thereafter. In order to keep prices low, The Society for Biblical Studies does not accept credit cards. The registrant's canceled check is his/her receipt. Unless otherwise specified, statements of accounts will be mailed to the group leader/organizer. Those wishing to have individual, periodic account statements will be charged a \$75 administration fee.

Passports and Visas: Each person must procure a passport valid for six months after his/her return. Those without U.S. citizenship are responsible for proper re-entry documentation. All passengers must submit to The Society for Biblical Studies copies of their travel documents no later than 45 days prior to departure.

Lodging: The Price is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at a supplemental cost (\$498-11 day, \$272-elective). Registrants can stipulate roommate preferences on the registration form. If an odd number of registrations requires an unrequested (forced) single room to be assigned, the single room will be assigned to the latest person to register and a single room supplement will apply.

Luggage: The per person limit is one suitcase and one carry-on bag. Airlines sometimes impose additional limits.

Airline Ticketing: Reservations are nonrefundable once ticketed. Travel is in jet economy class aboard IATAN and ARC carriers only. Flight times and routing are subject to change by the airlines. Such changes may result in additional costs and charges. The Society for Biblical Studies is not responsible for such changes or delays and cannot reimburse expenses resulting from them.

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incur a charge of 100% of total program cost plus any unrecoverable airline and hotel payments. 100% of cancellation fees are covered by the optional travel insurance (see next page), if the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is insurable.

Travel and Cancellation Insurance: The Society for Biblical Studies recommends that each passenger consider the purchase of travel insurance. This is available from most travel agencies. Anyone who would like The Society for Biblical Studies to purchase travel insurance for them can indicate so on the registration form and enclose premium payment along with their deposit. Travel insurance premiums are not refundable.

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Personal information:

Name: (as it appears on your Passport)

Title: (Rev., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

Name: (what you like to be called)

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Business phone:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Email:

The Land of Jesus: Then & Now

Program name:

2 January 2012

Departure date:

Bishop Linda Lee

Group leader:

Roommate preference:

I would like to have a single room. I understand that single rooms are subject to availability and that my account will be charged a single room supplement (\$498-11 day, \$272-3 day elective).

Passport information:

Please submit legible photocopy with registration (a valid U.S. passport or other travel document is required):

Passport number:

Date of issue: (day/month/year)

Authority:

Date of birth: (day/month/year)

Country of citizenship:

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Electives *(please check any box that applies):*

- I would like to enroll in *The Wonders of Petra* elective (3 days, \$898, based on 10 in the group).
- I would like to have an individual invoice and periodic statements of my account (\$75).
- I would like to extend my return date to accommodate personal travel (\$150). I understand that this travel is "on my own."

Travel Insurance: (for more info, call 781.641.4453)

Coverage Schedule:

Trip Cancellation	Up to trip cost*
Trip Interruption	150% trip cancellation limit*
Travel Delay	\$150/day, \$500 after 6 hours
Missed Connection	\$300
Loss of Baggage/Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200 after 24 hrs.
Emergency Medical/Dental	\$10,000
Medical Evacuation/Repatriation	\$50,000
24 hr. Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$10,000
24 hr. Assistance	Included

* Contact SBS for full details and policy limits

Plan rates:

Trip cost	Up to age 35	Age 36-60	Age 61-70	Age 71-75	Age 76-80
\$1,501-\$2,000	\$101	\$124	\$152	\$195	\$229
\$2,001-\$2,500	\$121	\$147	\$181	\$235	\$276
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$141	\$168	\$210	\$254	\$327
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$160	\$176	\$244	\$310	\$368
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$177	\$191	\$269	\$350	\$416
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$194	\$213	\$331	\$390	\$462

I accept the travel insurance (include premium payment along with registration deposit)

Beneficiary:

I decline the travel insurance

Subject to change

\$200 DEPOSIT PER PERSON PLUS ANY INSURANCE PREMIUM AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE ARE REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION

Passenger Signature*:

* Your registration and deposit represents your acceptance of the Program Conditions and certifies that you have read the FAQ pages of our web site (www.sbsedu.org).

* Please visit the FAQ pages for further information about Program Conditions, registration, how to prepare for travel and general information about SBS.

* Incomplete registration form may result in a late fee (\$45) and additional administrative charges (\$50).