



ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY

with optional Jordan extension 2022

25 October 2022

10 Days

from \$5,498

What really happened in first-century Galilee and Judaea? Join author and historian John Dickson on a journey throughout the length and breadth of modern Israel—from the Dead Sea to Lake Galilee, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean. We will investigate the key sites of Jesus' life, explore his cultural background, separate fact from fiction, and piece together how a peasant preacher changed the course of history!

Dr John Dickson started out as a professional singer-songwriter, he now works as a renowned author, speaker, historian, and media presenter. In all that he does, whether in the media or the church, creative or academic, he strives to be a public advocate for the Christian faith in doubting times.



Dr John Dickson



Tour **INCLUSIONS**

- Economy class airfares flying Emirates from Melbourne/Sydney to Tel Aviv
- Arrival meet and greet & airport transfers
- 8 nights' accommodation at 4-star hotels listed, or similar
- Meals as indicated: 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners
- Local licensed guide
- John Dickson, lecturer and commentator on the Origins of Christianity
- Selah escorts for logistics and pastoral assistance
- Entrance to sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips to guides/drivers

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ITINERARY

Summarised

Wednesday 26 October

Jerusalem

Check into hotel and gather to visit the Tower of David Museum before a pre-dinner lecture by Dr Dickson on 'Jesus in Contemporary Scholarship'

Thursday 27 October

Temple Mount- Herodian- Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Visit the Dome of the Rock, Herodian and Bethlehem. After Lunch visit the Israel Museum to view the Dead Sea scrolls.

Friday 28 October

Masada - Qumran - Dead Sea - Judean wilderness

Explore the Jewish background of Jesus and his culture. Travel through the Judean wilderness to the fortress of Masada. Continue to Qumran, and swim in the Dead Sea. Return for a traditional Shabbat dinner

Saturday 29 October

Nazareth - Sepphoris - Galilee

Check out of hotel and travel north to Nazareth. Stop at Mt Precipice, continue to Nazareth Village, and stop for an early century style lunch. Continue to Tiberias and check into hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee

Sunday 30 October

Galilee

Discover how radical Jesus' message was to his fellow Galileans. Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Galilee to Capernaum then travel by coach to Magdala. Brief lecture onsite: "The women in Jesus' life".

Monday 31 October

Gamla - Jerusalem

Check out after breakfast. Visit Gamala, and then continue to the Golan Archaeological Museum in the town of Katzrin before returning to Jerusalem

Tuesday 1 November

Old City Jerusalem

Explore the climatic events of Jesus' life (and his demise). Sunrise at Mount of Olives, then visit the Davidson Archaeological Park with an onsite Lecture: 'The Causes of Jesus' Arrest and Death'. Lunch in Old City followed by an afternoon free to explore.

Wednesday 2 November

Jerusalem free day

Free day in Jerusalem to rest or wander the Old City and enjoy some optional sites

Thursday 3 November

Jerusalem - Caesarea Maritima

Walk the bridge from Jesus to Christianity. An early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre with a lecture on "What can historians say about Jesus' resurrection". Drive to the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea Maritima with an onsite lecture "How Christianity became a world religion". Farewell dinner on the Rooftop at the Notre Dame Centre in Jerusalem.

Friday 4 November

Depart Israel - Optional Jordan extension

Check out of the hotel after breakfast. Alternatively, you are welcome to extend your stay with an optional Jordan extension

Jordan Extension - Friday 4 November

Jerusalem: Petra

Those extending will be collected from the hotel to drive to the Israel-Jordan border, then continue to Petra. Check in hotel and relax.

Jordan Extension - Saturday 5 November

Petra

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Petra.

Jordan Extension - Sunday 6 November

Petra - Wadi Rum

Check out of hotel and travel to Wadi Rum, visiting Little Petra and Moses' Spring. On arrival at Wadi Rum enjoy a desert safari and optional camel ride and overnight at our desert camp

Jordan Extension - Monday 7 November

Wadi Rum - Eilat

Check out & farewell Wadi Rum and travel to Aqaba, a resort city on the Red Sea for last night together.

Jordan Extension - Tuesday 8 November

Aqaba - Eilat - Tel Aviv

Check out of hotel and cross back over to Israel to Eilat airport

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