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HOLY LAND BIBLICAL PILGRIMAGE

Stephen Binz, Tour Leader
Fr. Mark Goldasich, Chaplain

12 Days – April 10-21, 2023

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PILGRIMAGE *in*
the FOOTSTEPS
of JESUS
Stephen J. Binz



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Pilgrimage Leader: Stephen J. Binz

Stephen Binz is a Catholic biblical scholar and author of several dozen books, including the award-winning Threshold Bible Study collection. As a popular speaker, he offers keynotes, seminars, and workshops internationally as well as education for clergy and pastoral leaders. Following graduate degrees at the Gregorian University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Jerusalem, he has sought to develop Bible studies for three decades and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to sacred places. His books have earned top awards from the Catholic Press Association and the Association of Catholic Publishers. Stephen and his wife Pamela live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. To contact him and learn more about his publications, speaking events, and pilgrimages, visit www.Bridge-B.com

Dear Pilgrims,

I invite you on a life-changing adventure. This custom-designed tour of the Holy Land focuses on the places of the gospel accounts and will transform the way you read Scripture. Throughout this sacred land, we will encounter Jesus through biblical sites, Scripture, daily Mass, quiet reflection, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

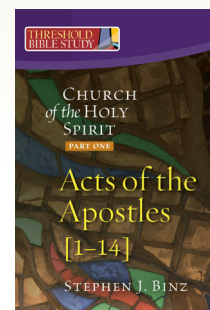
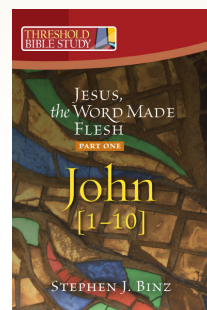
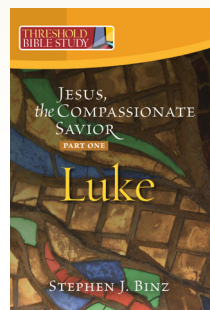
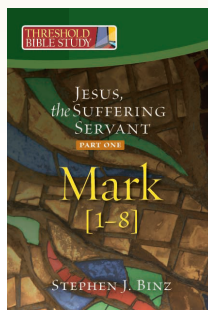
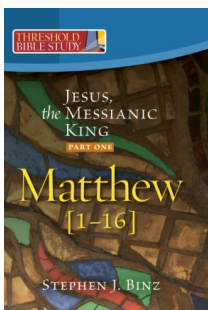
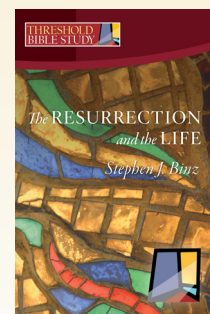
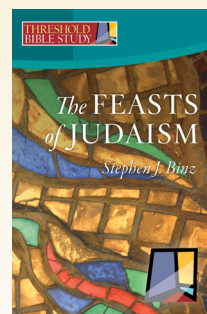
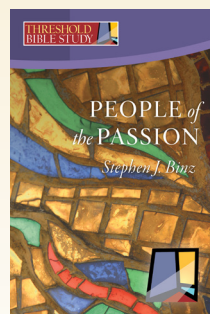
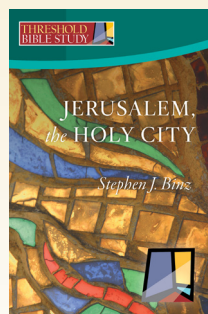
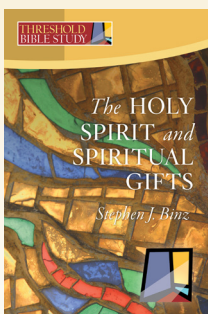
This April pilgrimage will take place at the ideal season, between the heat of summer and the rain of winter, when the days are mild and the skies are clear. We will be accompanied by the finest local guides, travel in a luxurious coach bus, and stay in two excellent hotels with every convenience.

I have created this comprehensive pilgrimage through my long-term partnership with Select International Tours, an outstanding travel provider that specializes in Catholic pilgrimage. In all my years of leading tours, I have never had any concerns about safety, accommodations, or amenities.

I encourage you to go to my website to read what many other people have said about their experience of pilgrimage with me: www.Bridge-B.com/pilgrimage

If you would like to join us, I suggest sending your registration and deposit soon, as this will most probably fill quickly. I sure hope you can be part of this grace-filled pilgrimage.

In the Joy of the Gospel, Stephen J. Binz



WHAT'S THE COST?

Land and Air

\$4995.00

Land Only

\$4095.00

Solo Traveler

(Additional Cost)

\$1095.00

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than January 6, 2023

Final payment due February 10, 2023



This active program requires walking twelve to fifteen thousand steps daily, often on uneven surfaces, cobblestones, and some stairs.

ITINERARY

✝ April 10, Monday, Day 1: DEPART USA

After preparing with the 9-day novena from the new guidebook, Holy Land Pilgrimage by Stephen J. Binz, we fly overnight from Newark or NYC to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast served on the plane.

✝ April 11, Tuesday, Day 2: TEL AVIV – SEA OF GALILEE

Arriving in Tel Aviv, we collect our luggage and proceed to the arrival area. There we meet our excellent Christian tour guide and board our deluxe motor coach to Galilee. We celebrate Mass, followed by dinner and overnight at the Sea of Galilee. (D)

✝ April 12, Wednesday, Day 3: NAZARETH – CANA – MAGDALA

Traveling to Nazareth, we tour the Basilica of the Annunciation, pray at the grotto where the angel appeared to Mary, and visit the Church of St. Joseph and its excavations. We enjoy a multimedia presentation at Mary of Nazareth International Center, followed by Mass in the Unity Chapel overlooking the city. Our next stop is the Synagogue Church, where Jesus announced his public ministry, and Mount Precipice, where His own town rejected Jesus. We travel to Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle. We see the Church of St. Nathaniel and the Wedding Church at Cana. Here couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows. We explore a section of the Jesus Trail, where Jesus walked from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. Returning to the sea, we explore the newly excavated Synagogue of Magdala, where Jesus surely taught and encountered Mary Magdalene. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

✝ April 13, Thursday, Day 4: MORNING RETREAT – CAESAREA PHILIPPI – KURSI

After breakfast, we enjoy a morning retreat led by Stephen Binz at the Duc in Altum Spirituality Center. We have time to reflect and pray at the Encounter Chapel, the Women's Atrium, and the Mosaic Chapels. We then board a boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee, viewing the areas where Jesus ministered around the lake and reflecting on his teaching from Peter's boat. At the Pilgerhaus, we enjoy a meal of the same kind of fish as caught by Peter, known locally as St. Peter's Fish. We travel far northward to Caesarea Philippi, or Baniyas, where Jesus made Peter the rock of the church and gave him the keys to the kingdom. We return, via the Golan Heights, to the Sea of Galilee, and visit Kursi, in the land of the Gerasenes on its eastern shore. Here Jesus healed the man possessed by demons, sending them into the herd of swine. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

✝ April 14, Friday, Day 5: SEA OF GALILEE MINISTRY

We view the Galilean fishing boat, also known as the Jesus Boat, dated to the time of Jesus and discovered in 1986. We travel along the sea to Capernaum and visit the Synagogue, where Jesus offered the Bread of Life discourse. We also visit the House of Peter, the home of Jesus during his Galilean ministry, and celebrate Mass. We visit Mt. of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, and Tabgha to see the restored Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish. Next, we climb to the Eremos Grotto, where Jesus often went to pray, looking out over the Bay of the Parables. We conclude at the Church of St. Peter's Primacy on the seashore, where Jesus commissioned Peter to shepherd his church. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

✝ April 15, Saturday, Day 6: BURQIN – SHECHEM – JACOB'S WELL – SAMARIA – SHILOH – EIN KAREM

Leaving Galilee, we travel southward into Samaria, stopping at Burqin to visit the Church of the Ten Lepers. We then stop at Shechem, where Joshua renewed the covenant with the twelve tribes on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal. Next, we visit Jacob's Well at the Orthodox church of St. Photina. Here Jesus met the Samaritan woman and gave her the gift of living water. We refresh ourselves from the same well from which Jesus drank. Continuing to Shiloh, we tour the ruins where the tabernacle was erected and administered by the high priest Eli. Here Hannah brought her son Samuel and dedicated him to the Lord. Traveling into Judea, we arrive at Ein Karem. We visit the Church of the Visitation, where Mary met her cousin Elizabeth and the Church of John the Baptist, where we see his birthplace. We celebrate Mass in Ein Karen. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

✝ April 16, Sunday, Day 7: BETHLEHEM – SHEPHERDS' FIELD – PILGRIMAGE SOUVENIRS – SHARING THE BREAD DINNER

We visit the renovated Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and see the grotto of Jesus' birth. We celebrate Mass at St. Catherine Church in the caves of St. Jerome beneath. We visit the nearby Milk Grotto, honoring Mary's maternity and Christ's humanity. We continue to Shepherds' Field Chapel and the grotto where the angels appeared to the shepherd to announce the birth of the Savior. After lunch, we learn about the social services and educational opportu-

nities for Palestinians supported by the Select to Give foundation. We then shop for souvenirs at a Christian cooperative store. In the evening, we enjoy meeting the Christians of Bethlehem in their homes and a special "Sharing the Bread" meal with them. (B, Special dinner)

✝ April 17, Monday, Day 8: BETHANY – BAPTISM SITE – JERICHO – QUMRAN – DEAD SEA

We travel to Bethany to visit the Church of Martha and Mary, where we celebrate Mass and then enter the Tomb of Lazarus. We then descend to the Jordan Valley and stop at the Qasr el Yahud Baptismal Site at the Jordan River to renew our baptism. We continue to Jericho, the oldest inhabited city in the world, where we ride the cable car to the Qarantal Monastery, where Jesus fasted for forty days. Driving through the town of Jericho, we stop at the Sycamore Tree of Zacchaeus and enjoy lunch with fresh baked bread at Limoncello. We journey to the Dead Sea and visit Qumran, the Essene community center where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Finally, for those who wish, we take a dip in the mineral-rich water of the Dead Sea (remember to bring your swimsuits). We return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

✝ April 18, Tuesday, Day 9: MT. OF OLIVES – VALLEY OF KIDRON – MT. ZION

We begin at the top of the Mount of Olives at the Sanctuary of the Palms at Bethpage. We travel the Palm Sunday walk, visiting the Chapel of the Ascension and Eleona Church, where Jesus taught his apostles during his final week. The Lord's Prayer can be seen here in the many languages of the world. We see the Dominus Fleuit Church, built on the spot where Jesus wept over the city. We then visit the underground Tomb of the Virgin Mary, followed by the Garden of Gethsemane and the Basilica of the Agony, where we celebrate Mass. Walking through the Kidron Valley, we pass the ancient tombs and the City of David. At the Pool of Siloam, we see where Jesus healed the blind man. On Mount Zion, we visit the Church of

St. Peter in Gallicantu, the house of Caiphas, where we pray in the cistern where they imprisoned Jesus after his arrest. We visit the Upper Room, where the Holy Spirit empowered the church for mission, and conclude at Dormition Abbey, where Mary died surrounded by the apostles. We return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

✝ April 19, Wednesday, Day 10: VIA DOLOROSA – HOLY SEPULCHER – WESTERN WALL – TEMPLE MOUNT – ST. ANNE

Early this morning, we walk the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa. We visit Calvary, the empty tomb of Jesus, and celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After breakfast, we travel to the Western Wall, the holiest place on earth for the Jewish people. We visit the Jerusalem Archaeological Park, where we see the excavations on the south side of the temple, including the steps where Jesus taught and entered the temple. We enter the Temple Mount, where the temple once stood. Our next visit is St. Ann Church, the medieval Crusader church, which honors the parents of Mary, Sts. Joachim and Ann, and the place of Mary's birth, and the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Here we experience a healing service. Our day ends at St. Stephen's Gate, where we remember the church's first martyr. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

✝ April 20, Thursday, Day 11: EMMAUS – ABU GHOSH – JOPPA

Checking out of our hotel after breakfast, we travel to the Franciscan Church of Emmaus at El-Qubeibeh. Here we celebrate our final Mass. Following Mass, we travel to the Church of Our Lady Ark of the Covenant in ancient Kiryat Yearim, today's Abu Ghosh. This is where the Ark of the Covenant was kept before its transfer to Jerusalem. In ancient Joppa, we see the seaside house of Simon, the tanner, where Peter experienced his transforming vision, and we visit the Church of St. Peter honoring his healing of Tabitha. We enjoy a Farewell Dinner be-

fore our late evening transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B, Special dinner)

✝ April 21, Friday, Day 12: RETURN TO THE USA

From the airport in Tel Aviv, we fly back home, filled with the joy of the gospel, a deeper love for Jesus, and memories that will last a lifetime.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Newark or NYC
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for 10 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 2 lunches in a restaurant
- 8 hotel dinners at the hotels (standard 3-course menu, beverages available at an additional cost)
- Sharing the Bread Christian Dinner
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant with wine
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
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- Confirmation of daily Mass
- Whisper sets for groups of 30 or more passengers (Holy Land included for all)
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- Personal expenses
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you).
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
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Deposits and final payment: A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the enrollment form and a copy of your passport picture page by **January 6, 2023**. **Final payment is due by February 10, 2023**. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date. Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Rebecca Stoker, 800-842-4842, rebecca@select-intl.com.

Your passport must be valid through October 21, 2023. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: \$4,995.00 for land and air; \$4,095.00 land only (air not included), additional \$1,095.00 solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card payments add 4%.

Pilgrimage prices: Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars.

Solo Travel: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with a someone willing to share.

Land Only Option: Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

Tour Cancellation Policy: A \$350.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled from the date of booking until 90 days prior to departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.

Trip Cancellation Protection: We strongly encourage you to purchase a **Travel Protection Plan**, for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions. Visit www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47406&p=SEL21/ or call 855-752-8303 for details and costs for the Select International Travel Protection Plan with optional Cancel for any reason (CFAR). Please note that CFAR is not available in NY State. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization.

Airline, seating and special requests: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable transfer and tour schedules. However, when booking Group Air, the airline (not Select International Tours) controls seating

assignments. If you require very specific seats, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. If you switch from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure you will be charged a \$100 service fee in addition to any airline charges. All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are add-ons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

Walking: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

Safety Procedures: Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic- protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip.

Responsibility: By accepting this confirmation, you agree that the Group Leaders and Select International Tours, Inc. have no responsibility for any acts or omission of the travel suppliers in your itinerary and during your trip. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial conditions of the suppliers, unsafe travel conditions, health hazards, or weather hazards at locations traveled. We are not responsible for flight delays or cancellations or any charges incurred due to unforeseen circumstances. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. For information about destination climate, risks, and safety please consult the appropriate on-line resources. For health information consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. You are responsible for checking passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destinations. Itineraries are subject to change. We are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen articles. We are not responsible for any sickness, injury, or death during or after the trip. Travel documents will be mailed out approximately three (3) weeks before departure. Please review them carefully for any errors.

Shipping & Handling: \$15.00—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

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Holy Land Biblical Pilgrimage with Stephen Binz, Tour Leader and Fr. Mark Goldasich, Chaplain
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Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, and a copy of your passport picture page.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Street Address: _____

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Cell/Home Phone: _____ Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling _____

Email Address: _____ Land only : _____ Need help with flights from _____
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Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) _____ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) _____ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) _____ Triple (3 Beds) _____

Name of Roomate(s): _____ If single: Match me with a roommate Solo (in room by myself)

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ _____ for my initial deposit.

We strongly suggest that you consider purchasing a travel protection plan to protect your travel investment. Please contact Travel Insured International for more information on rates and coverages for our customized plan.

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Signature : _____ Date: _____

Not responsible for changes in group air.