



# *A Sacred Story Journey*

*A Biblical Storytelling Tour of the Holy Land  
With Biblical Storyteller  
Dennis Dewey*



**Hear the stories where they happened!**

## **Your Sacred Story Journey Includes**

- ❖ Roundtrip airfare from New York
- ❖ First Rate Hotels
- ❖ Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- ❖ Professionally Guided Site-seeing
- ❖ Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- ❖ Transfers and Entrance Fees
- ❖ Inspirational Worship/Discussion
- ❖ Experienced Travel Host  
and Master Storyteller
- ❖ The Biblical Stories Told in the Places  
Where They Happened
- ❖ A Unique Pilgrimage Community
- ❖ Study Guides/Maps

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## *Your Biblical Storytelling Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Dennis Dewey*



**Dennis Dewey** has been a professional biblical storyteller for over 30 years. He has performed and led workshops at hundreds of churches, seminaries, colleges and festivals all over the world. For a number of years he served as Executive Director for the Network of Biblical Storytellers International and helped found the NBS Seminar, an annual gathering of scholars working in the field of biblical studies and performance criticism. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has led many groups on storytelling trips to the Holy Land, Greece, Scotland and Spain. More than tours, they're "sacred story journeys," pilgrimage experiences rooted in the spirituality of storytelling and in forming community through the shared experience of inspirational pilgrimage travel.

### *Sacred Story Journeys: a 97% satisfaction rating! Listen to what people have said!*

*I have to say that my expectations for our trip were exceeded and it was something I shall remember for a lifetime. Now I can sit back and be enveloped by my memories of the time we spent together and the wonders we saw in the midst of it all. Bless you for making that opportunity possible!*

*-- Mary Lou, Pittsburgh, PA*

*The three Biblical Story Sacred Journeys we have been privileged to experience with you have been remarkable—each so different and unique, yet having a similar impact in profoundly deepening faith and understanding in fresh and new ways. You do have a very special ministry and are so very skilled in providing leadership. It is a privilege to travel with you and we are most appreciative. One has the feeling of being in the hands of one who knows the way.*

*– Charlie, Windsor, CT*

*The travel cobwebs are clearing and it is beginning to sink in that I did indeed have the great privilege of that beautiful trip. What wonderful memories I have to savor and treasure. The tour itself was so effectively designed, and the storytelling made it like no other travel experience I have ever had. Thank you so much for all you did to make this such an exceptional experience and especially for sharing your storytelling talents with us. It truly was a journey at so many levels and my heart was especially touched by what became a spiritual journey for me.*

*-- Elaine, Denver, CO*



## ***Sample Holy Land Storytelling Itinerary***

### **Day 1 - 2: DEPART**

We depart for our overnight flight to Tel Aviv. We enjoy dinner, breakfast and the movie of the evening on the plane. Upon arrival in the afternoon we transfer to our hotel for dinner. The brief evening orientation affords us time to rest up for the inspirational sites and stories of the days ahead.

### **Day 3: BEIT SHEAN/NAZARETH/MEGIDDO**

We visit Beit Shean, the only Decapolis city in Israel and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Then we cross the Valley of Armageddon to visit Tel Megiddo and, time permitting, Cana.



### **Day 4: GALILEE**

We Begin the day at the Mt. of Beatitudes listening to The Sermon on the Mount, then visit Tabgha and hear the words of Jesus to Peter, "feed My sheep," at the Primacy of Peter Church. In the afternoon we see the 1<sup>st</sup> century boat before boarding a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. At the biblical city of Capernaum we visit the old synagogue and the house of Peter's mother-in-law. At the Jordan River we take time to renew our baptismal vows.

### **Day 5: MT CARMEL/CAESAREA/MT ZION**

We hear afresh the story of the prophet Elijah atop Mt. Carmel. We visit the Crusader City at Caesarea and the ancient Roman Aqueduct. In the afternoon we travel to Mt. Zion, visiting the Upper Room for stories of the Last Supper and Pentecost, then visit King David's Tomb and the house of Caiaphas, where Peter denied Jesus.

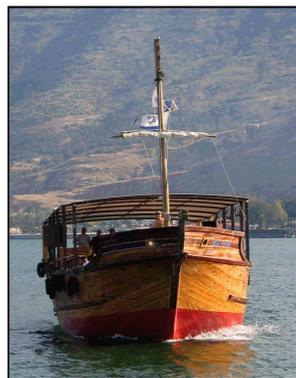
*You will see all of the above sites during your pilgrimage. Flexibility in the itinerary may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances, such as airline, hotel schedules or local conditions.*

### **Day 6: OLD CITY - JERUSALEM**

We begin our day at the Western Wall and see the Temple Mount and hear stories at the "Southern Step Excavations" where Jesus taught. Then we hear stories from the gospels as we walk the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross), visit the Pool of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church. From there we proceed to the Antonia Fortress, where the crown of thorns was placed on Jesus' head and hear the story of Jesus' passion. We enter into the mystery of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

### **Day 7: MOUNT OF OLIVES/BETHLEHEM**

The day begins standing on the Mt. of Olives overlooking the Kidron Valley and the walled city of Jerusalem. We walk the Palm Sunday path to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations, hearing the stories of the Passion. In the afternoon we travel to Bethlehem and visit Shepherd's Field to hear the Christmas stories and sing "Glory to God in the Highest." We visit the Church of the Nativity and kneel at the star which marks the birth of our Savior.



**Day 8: FREE DAY in JERUSALEM or OPTIONAL DEAD SEA DAY / MASADA /** We enjoy a free day in Jerusalem or take the optional trip to Herod's ancient fortress of Masada, built high atop a mountain on the edge of the Dead Sea. This afternoon we visit Qumran, where the Dead

Sea Scrolls were discovered. We end the day with time for relaxation along the shore of the Dead Sea, and hear a vision from the prophet Ezekiel . (Optional, \$49).

### **Day 9: BETHANY/DEPART**

We enjoy a free morning in Jerusalem or opt to visit the Israel Museum (Optional, \$25). This afternoon we visit Bethany and hear the story of the raising of Lazarus at the tomb. We finish our pilgrimage with worship at the Garden Tomb and after our Farewell Dinner travel to Tel Aviv to board our overnight flight to the USA.

### **Day 10: RETURN**

We arrive home with a treasure of memories from our "Sacred Story Journey" to the Holy Land.