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TRAVEL NEWS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Biblical Waterways: From Caesarea Maritima to the Jordan River



Some places in Scripture are easier to understand once you have stood beside them. This week our friends at **ETS** pointed to two of them: the Roman aqueduct at **Caesarea Maritima** and the waters of the **Jordan River**.

Caesarea was an important center of early Christianity. It is connected to the ministry of the Apostle Paul and to the story of Cornelius in Acts 10, when the Gospel reached the Gentiles. Along the Jordan, travelers can reflect on baptism and on the ministry of John the Baptist, at the place traditionally remembered as the baptism of Jesus.

- The ancient Roman aqueduct at Caesarea Maritima
- Qasr el Yahud on the Jordan River
- Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, and the Mount of Beatitudes
- Jerusalem, in its full biblical and historical context

These are the moments that turn a trip into a pilgrimage. If your congregation has been asking about the Holy Land, this is a gentle place to begin the conversation.

EXPLORE THE ITINERARY

Inspired by a recent announcement from ETS — The Leader in Faith-Based Travel. Imagery courtesy of ETS.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

> *"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him."*
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> MATTHEW 3:16
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> Water runs through the whole of Scripture: the Red Sea, the Jordan, the Sea of Galilee. Each time, God uses ordinary water to mark a turning point in the story of His people. At the Jordan, the heavens opened and the Father spoke over His Son.
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> For those of us who lead, there is a quiet lesson in that. We do not manufacture the moments that change people. We prepare the place, we point, and we step aside so that the Lord can do what only He can do.

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Walk through the pages of Scripture from Caesarea Maritima to Qasr el Yahud, with visits to Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, and Jerusalem.

Departures include January 6, 13, and 27; February 10 and 17; March 3 and 17; April 14; May 12; June 9; July 14; September 8; October 20 and 27; November 3 and 10; and December 1, 2027.

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BRIEFLY

- Tours with airfare are priced from New York and include round-trip international airfare and overseas transfers. Additional baggage and optional fees may apply.
- If you would like help choosing dates for your congregation, simply reply to this note.

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