

Seminarians Study Tour of the Holy Land

Biblical geography and archeology, cross-cultural immersion, and spiritual pilgrimage

15 Day Study Course in the Holy Land

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for Students at **Garrett Evangelical Seminary**

Led by **Dr. K.K. Yeo**, Professor of New Testament at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary

and **Dr. Monte Luker**,

Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

December 11, 2008

Included in Price:

roundtrip international airfare, housing, instruction,
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December 11 and 12, DAY 1 and 2 Departure from USA for your study course and cross-cultural immersion in the Holy Land. Arrival and transfer to Galilee for lecture and overnight. **Lecture:** “*Orientation to the Land.*”

December 13, DAY 3 Theme: Jesus’ Childhood. Nazareth (Matthew 2:23; Luke 1:26; 4:16, 28-30; John 1:46); Tzipori. Megiddo (1 Kings 9:15; Revelation 15:12); Overnight in Galilee.

December 14, DAY 4 Theme: Jesus’ Ministry in the Golan and Upper Galilee. Hatzor (Hazor) (Joshua 11:10-11; 1 Kings 9:15); Banyas [Caesarea Philippi] (Matthew 16); Tel Dan (Joshua 19:47-48). Overnight in Galilee.

December 15, DAY 5 Theme: Jesus’ Ministry around the Kinneret. Boat ride on the Kinneret; Bethsaida (John 1; Mark 8); Korazim (Matthew 11:23-24); Capernaum (Matthew 4:13; 17: 24; Mark 2:1); Mt. of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7); Kursi (Mark 5); Tabgha (Mark 6; John 21). Overnight in Galilee.

December 16, DAY 6 Theme: The Lower Galilee and Jordan River Valley. Jordan River, Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31); En Harod (Judges 7); Bet Alfa Synagogue; Optional afternoon swim at Tiberias Hot Springs; Belvoir (Kokhav Hayarden). Overnight in Galilee.

December 17, DAY 7 Theme: The Coastal Plain. Visit with Archbishop Elias Chacour at Mar Elias University in Ibillin, Mount Carmel [Mukhraka] (1 Kings 18). Caesarea (Acts 10; 12; 25); Overnight in Jerusalem.

All course schedules are subject to minor changes without prior notice to adapt to climate conditions, time limitations, other circumstances, or at the discretion of the instructor.

December 18, DAY 8 Theme: Jewish Life Under the Herods. Lectures: “*Biblical Geography and Archeology*” and “*The Herodian Dynasty.*” Field Trip: Bethlehem (Matthew 2; Luke 2); The Herodion; Shepherds’ Field; Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem; Israel Museum. Overnight in Jerusalem.

December 19, DAY 9 Theme: The Wilderness of Judea. Wadi Qelt hike (Matthew 4; Luke 4); Jericho (Joshua 2-7; Luke 10, 18, 19); Qumran. Overnight in Jerusalem.

December 20, DAY 10 Theme: The Patriarchs and the Exodus. Beersheva (Genesis 21:14, 33; 26:23-33); Wilderness of Tzin; Avdat; En Avdat nature hike; Arad (Numbers 21:1-3; Joshua 12:14). Overnight in Jerusalem.

December 21, DAY 11 Theme: Jerusalem. Free morning for Sunday worship in Jerusalem; Jewish Quarter; Western Wall; Temple Mount Excavations (Matthew 23); City of David; Warren’s Shaft and Hezekiah’s Tunnel; Pool of Siloam. Overnight in Jerusalem.

December 22, Day 12 Theme: The First and Second Jewish Revolts. Masada; En Gedi hike and synagogue; Dead Sea swim. **Evening discussion:** topic to be determined by seminarians. Overnight in Jerusalem.

December 23, DAY 13 Theme: The Itinerary of Holy Week. Bethphage (Matthew 21); Mt. of Olives (Luke 11; Acts 1); Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26); Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matthew 27-28; John 20); the Upper Room (John 13); St. Peter’s Church. Overnight in Jerusalem.

December 24, Day 14: Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, Sabeel Peace Center and Bethlehem. Late afternoon departure for Bethlehem and Christmas Eve Celebration. Transfer to the airport for return flight.

December 25, Day 15: Arrival home.



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About Your Instructors...

Yeo Khiok-khng (K.K.), clergy, writer and teacher in New Testament studies, was born in Malaysia, now with his wife, Lau Kung-siu, and three children, reside in Skokie, Illinois. He received his M.Div. at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary (1990), and his Ph.D. in Pauline studies, classical rhetorics from Northwestern University (1992). He taught 4 years in Hong Kong (1993-96). He is currently Harry R. Kendall Professor of New Testament at Garret-Evangelical (1996-) and Graduate Faculty at Northwestern University (1997-). He is a Visiting Professor at Peking University, appointed to set-up and direct the MA and PhD programs in Christian Studies.

Prof. Yeo has published eighteen Chinese books on cross-cultural hermeneutics, ancestor worship, spirituality, feminist theology, and New Testament studies. His English books are *Rhetorical Interactions in 1 Corinthians 8 and 10* (Brill, 1995), *What Has Jerusalem to Do with Beijing?* (TPI, 1998), *Chairman Mao Meets the Apostle Paul* (Brazos, 2002), he edited *Navigating Romans in Cultures* (New York: T&T Clark, 2004), and co-authored *Cross-cultural Paul* (Eerdmans, 2005). K.K. enjoys traveling, photography, woodworking, and music listening.

The Rev. Dr. Monte Luker, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, has lived and studied in the Holy Land for 20 years. In addition to the Land, his primary interest is in the literary and theological analysis of Scripture, and he has contributed numerous articles to *Mercer Dictionary of the Bible*, *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, as well as scholarly and church-related journals. His books include *Doom and Hope in Micah* and *Passion, Vitality, and Foment: The Dynamics of Second Temple Judaism*.

Dr. Luker also serves as Faculty Associate in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of South Carolina and has been Professor of Bible at the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies since 1997. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Schools of Oriental Research, the Biblical Archaeology Society, and the National Association of Professors of Hebrew.

Testimonials from the passengers on the Seminarian Program in 2007:

The experience in coming to the Holy Land has been a precious, valuable, life giving gift I will never forget. Learning more about Christ, history, relationships and humanity has enriched my life. It is my intention to use this experience to help others with their spiritual life, much like it has helped mine. (Jake Weber, M. Div. student at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary)

Coming to the Holy Land was an overwhelming and positive experience. Tracing the steps of the Prince of Peace in such a land of conflict brought a new level of depth to my faith. (Scott Simmons, M. Div. student at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary)

As we traveled from site to site, not only did it become easier to see the Bible as the Living Word but the individuals became real people who lived and died for their faith. (Anita Munden, M. Div. student at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary)

Being able to see places that I have studied and written about is breathtaking. My understanding of the written Word has both grown and deepened with the visits to the Biblical sites. Visiting with the local people, understanding the issues of yesterday and today, has been eye opening. Walking the historical trails and the city streets was awesome. It is fun. It is safe. (Sam Thomas, M. Div. student at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary)

The land is so beautiful. I've never seen anything like it. I now understand why, when God took on flesh, it was this land he chose to walk through. (Jake Wilson, M. Div. student at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary)

I came to the Holy Land searching for the real me (spiritually). I thought seeing historical sites would deepen my faith. After I played Frisbee with a group of Palestinian children, I realize that Christ is in my heart, and that my faith is in the community. (Amy Anderson, MA student at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary)



Dr. Luker lectures to seminarian students in the City of David.



Affirmation of Baptism at the Jordan River.



Dr. Luker and Group on the Mt. of Olives.



Dr. Yeo and Garrett Evangelical Seminarians

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