



# TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



## PILGRIMAGE TO THE **HOLY LAND**

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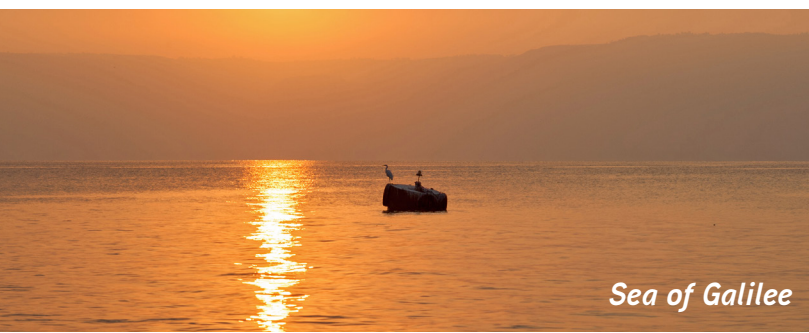
*Bethlehem*

In **Bethlehem** we will kneel in the grotto where Christ was born and through a hole beneath an altar, touch the very rock beneath the church, the place where “God became flesh and dwelt among us.”



*Mt. Tabor*

In **Galilee** we'll retrace the footsteps of Christ from his boyhood home in Nazareth where a Church has rested over the Holy Family's dwelling since the second century. While at **Cana**, where Jesus began his public ministry, Father Keucher will impart a special blessing on the marriages for all couples present. By bus we will ascend **Mount Tabor** for a beautiful view of the entire region and have Mass in the Church of the Transfiguration.



*Sea of Galilee*

Around the **Sea of Galilee** we will pray on the shore where Christ passed his authority onto Peter, visit remains of the ancient town of **Capernaum** and have Mass on the shore, pray at the site where Christ multiplied the fishes & loaves, and take time for rest reflection on the hillside where he preached the Sermon on the Mount. Even more moving, together we will leave solid ground and take a boat ride together, like the apostles, across the very waters of Galilee that Christ walked upon.



*Gethsemani*

Traveling through the wilderness we will visit Jericho, one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in civilization. In the desert we will stop at the **Mount of Temptation** and climb – by cable car – to the top where St. George's Monastery precariously sits. On the eastern border of Israel is the River Jordan where John baptized Jesus and where Father Keucher will renew our baptismal promises. Before reaching Jerusalem we will pass through Bethany and see the ancient ruins of the house of Mary, Martha, & Lazarus as well as the very tomb Lazarus was buried in.



*Jerusalem*

Our time in Jerusalem will trace Christ's final days... from the **Palm Sunday road** we will walk down to the **Garden of Gethsemane** where an olive tree grove over 2000 years old still sits. Inside the church we will have Mass gathering around the very rock which Christ rested on during his anguish, which still protrudes out from the floor. After being arrested he was taken to Caiaphas's palace and we will ascend the steps (some pilgrims choose to do this on their knees) into the courtyard where Christ was tried and Peter denied him three times. Descending beneath the palace we enter the cell where Christ would have been kept overnight before his trial with Pilate the next day, unite ourselves to his suffering through prayer.

We will share the meaningful experiences of saying a Rosary in the **Church of the Dormition** where Mary was assumed into heaven, and also invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts as we pray in the **Upper Room** where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and where the Spirit descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost.



*Church of the Holy Sepulchre*

Together we will walk the **Way of the Cross**, the Via Dolorosa, praying the Stations as we go through the Old City – bustling with life and commerce and travelers from around the world, much like it would have 2000 years ago. In the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** we will scale the hill of **Calvary** to where Christ was crucified, lay our hands on the slab where his body was prepared for burial, and pay witness to the miracle of the resurrection as we pray inside his very tomb.

**Brochures available November 2018**