# Israel Study Abroad



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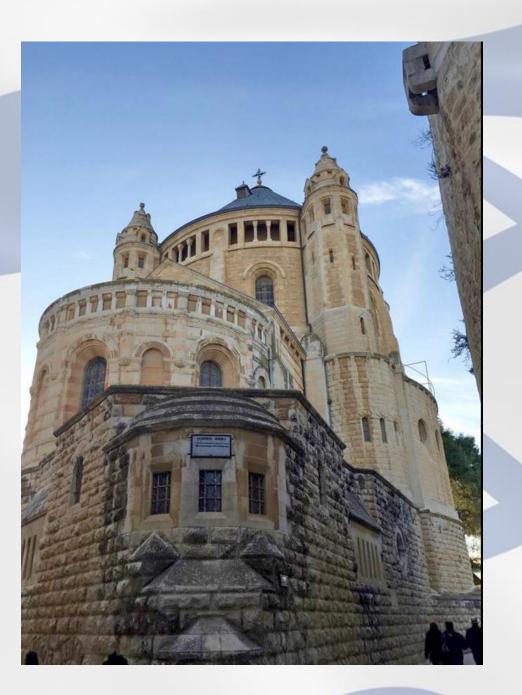
#### A first look at the Old City



#### Jewish Quarter: The Western Wall

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Jewish Quarter: Reflections on the Temple and Synagogue

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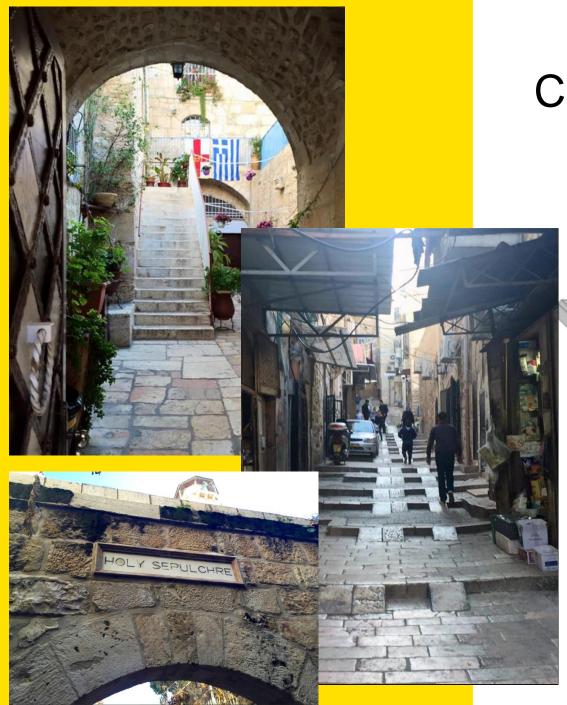
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Paalm 103:33





"Israel was very impactful and a great way to see how religion has an impact on society." – Andrew



#### **Christian Quarter**



"It was like a trip back in time." – Jacob Khory, Senior Biology & Philosophy



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"Traveling to Israel was the ideal way to explore a realm outside of my comfort zone, allowing me to learn more about both my new surroundings and also about myself." – Rebecca Hollis, Senior PPP

"The trip to the Holy Land immersed us in the beauty of the land, the richness of the culture and its history. It also allowed us to explore and complicate our understanding of the people and the place we call Israel." – Taylor Liggins,

#### Visit to Bethlehem and the West Bank

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"The focal point of the trip to me was the relationship between religion, politics, and the identity of a people. You can't deny the fierce connection between the nation and the individual." – Ali Trianfo, Junior PPP

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#### Israeli Parliament: The Knesset



"The landscape of not only the city of Jerusalem but the Judean desert and the galilee was incredible. I never knew places like that existed in the Middle East. It was very powerful to be surrounded by that much natural beauty."

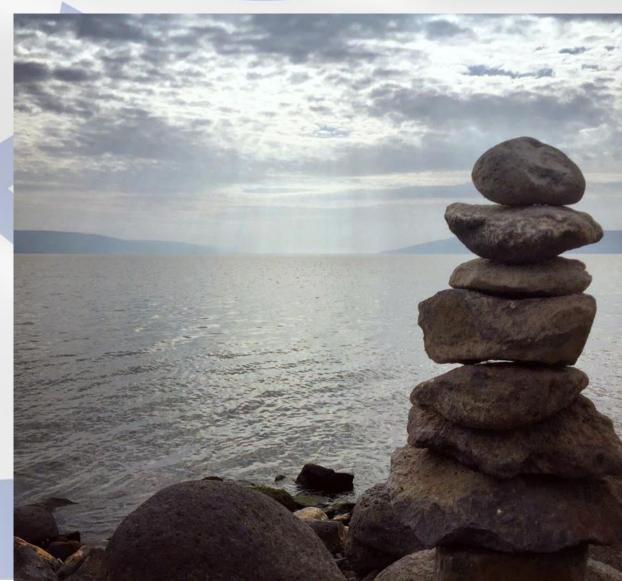
- Hayes Cheatham, Junior PPP

"Israel impacted the way I read the Bible from an archeological perspective." – Carmen Brown, Junior PPP

### Sea of Galilee

"This trip providing me with not only a learning experience that I can apply to school but also provided me with a life experience. This trip taught me so much about myself and other." - MiMi Doughtery,

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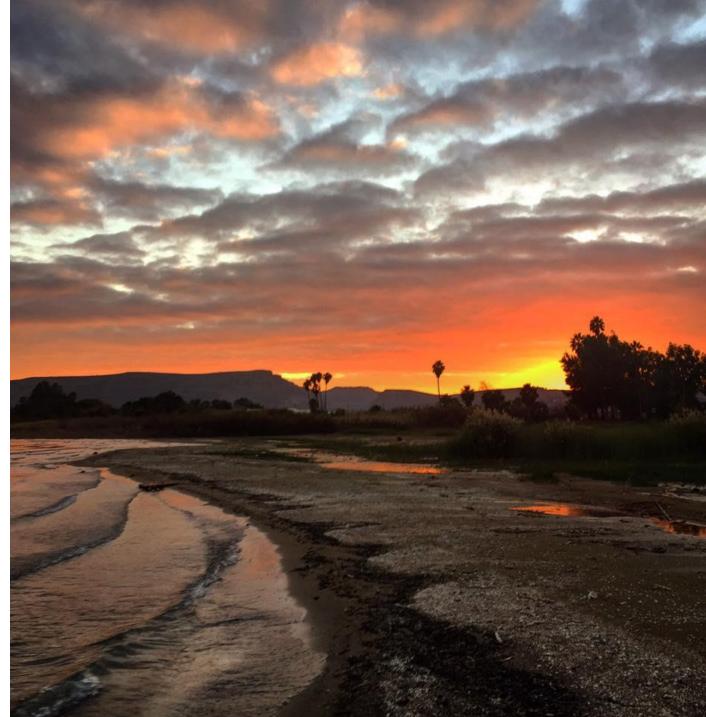




Reflections on Themes of Civil Religion, Religion in the Public, Good and Evil, Role of Religion, Educating the Public, and Peace



"The Israel trip was not only a voyage to a new and different land but also a dive into a new and different way of thinking." – James Hogan, Junior PPP



"For me, I was impacted by the ability to se the places I've only read about in the past, and to learn about the history of a faith I hold dear. Moreover, I went with the perfect group of people to experience a new part of the world, all of whom touched my heart in some way." – Ayana Rowe, Senior HAB

## Thank you!





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