

The Holy Land



Jerusalem was proclaimed the capital of Israel by King David in 996 BC

This city remains the focal point of Judaism and Christianity, and is also considered Holy by Islam.



A view of the Western Wall, which attracts people from all over the world to come and pray at this wall. This is the western retaining wall that supported the huge plaza which Herod used when he built the Temple.



Many people write their prayers on a piece of paper and stick them in the cracks in the Western Wall. The Temple Mount was the greatest bulding project in the Roman world.



Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane. Whose name means "olive oil press." This was a favorite place for Jesus and the Disciples to meet and to pray, it was also the place where Jesus was arrested.

This is a chapel called Dominus Flevit, which marks the site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. (Luke 19:41)

The Dome of the Rock can be seen out the window of the chapel.





The Basilica of Agony at Gethsemane. (The Church of All Nations)



The Golden Gate!



In the Garden of Gethsemane these ancient trees produced the olives that, when crushed, gave oil for light, food, and was even used as medicine for healing.



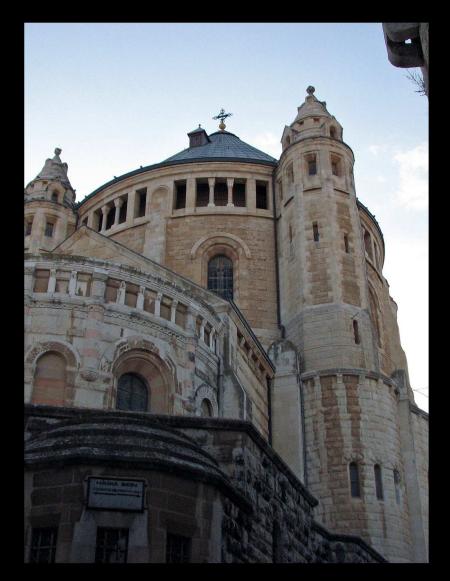
The silver star marks the birthplace of Jesus, in the Grotto of the Nativity, in Bethlehem.



A little Jewish Boy meets a little Girl on the streets of the Old City, in Jerusalem.

When you will share a piece of candy, it must be true Love.

The Dormition Church on Mount Zion. This is where we visited the Upper Room





Two shepherds, with their sheep, outside of Bethlehem and located just a few miles from Jerusalm.



A shepherd looks after his sheep, and each little lamb is important.



The Dome of the Rock (The Temple Mount) and Mount Moriah are all in the same location. The Dormition Church on Mount Zion is in the background. In the foreground is a cemetery and the wall around the Old City.



Looking from the Dome of the Rock at The Mount of Olives, across the Kidron Valley, with the Russian Church in the middle of the picture.



Caesarea by the Sea. Part of the Palace of Herod and Pontius Pilate is in the foreground and Crusader ruins in the distance. A view of the Roman hippodrome can be seen on the right

A Roman aqueduct that carried water to Caesarea is seen in the picture on the right side. It is located on the Mediterranean Sea, to provide fresh water for a city built in honor of everything, but God. In 100 years after it was built, it lay in ruin.





A view of the Garden Tomb, where people by the thousands come each year to view the empty chamber.



Next Year Jerusalem!

This is not the "conclusion" because once you have met Jesus, and walked in his steps in Israel, and met the people in this Holy Land. You will be back!