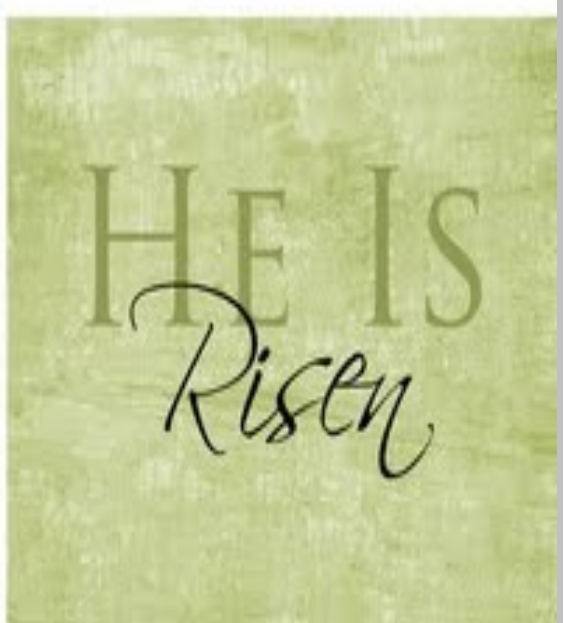
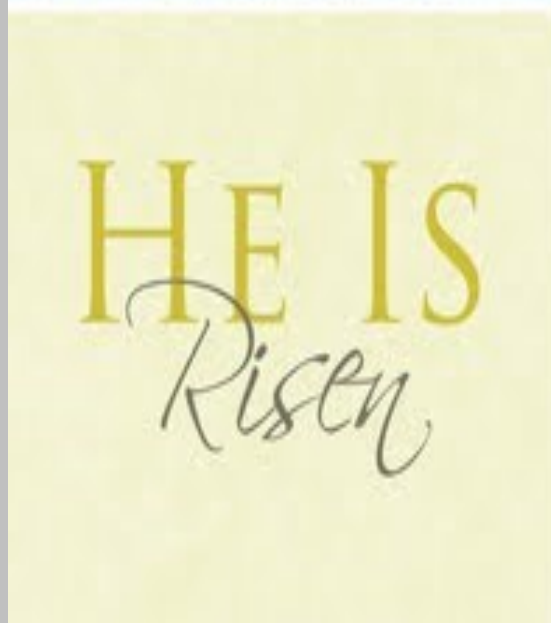
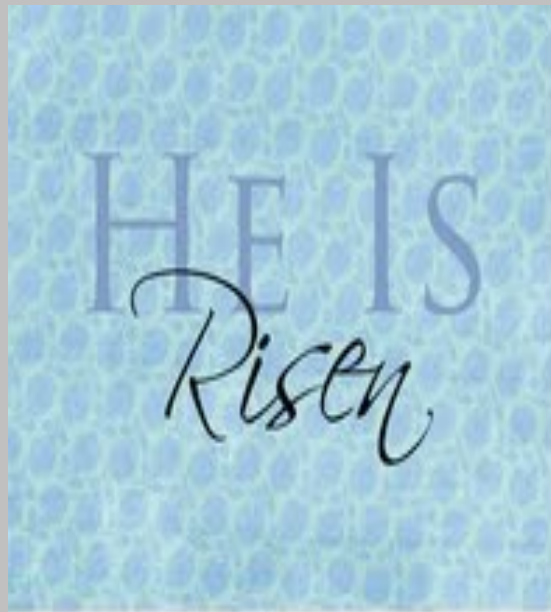


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*Alpha 2 Omega Travel wishes you a blessed and joyous  
Easter Season!  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!*

A message from our tour host....



## Thoughts on “Palm Sunday” and Israel



The week before Palm Sunday we returned from our wonderful trip to the Holy Land with Alpha 2 Omega Travel. One of the many amazing views in Israel is looking from the Mt. of Olives west toward the Temple Mount. As you follow the trail down you cannot help but think of Jesus’ *Triumphal Entry*.

Our Great Champion and Hero rides in on a colt (cf. Zech. 9:9) to rescue His people. Amidst the cheers He is acclaimed as the Messiah, the King (Matt. 21:9; Luke 19:38). These titles rightfully belong to Jesus Christ. He is the fulfillment of Zech. 9:9, He is Savior, God and King. He is riding into Jerusalem for us. He knows what He must face and endure to save us (Heb. 12:2). His love is amazing (1 Jn. 3:16). But as He makes His way to the royal city, He does something startling – He begins to weep.

“And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it...” (Luke 19:41)

The word “wept” in Luke 19:41 means to wail aloud (the idea of this word is that of a loud lamentation like one mourning over the dead). Picture the scene. The crowd is rejoicing, they have palm branches to express their joy and even nationalism. They are quoting from the Messianic Psalm 118 and attributing it to Jesus.

They are rejoicing, but Jesus is weeping.

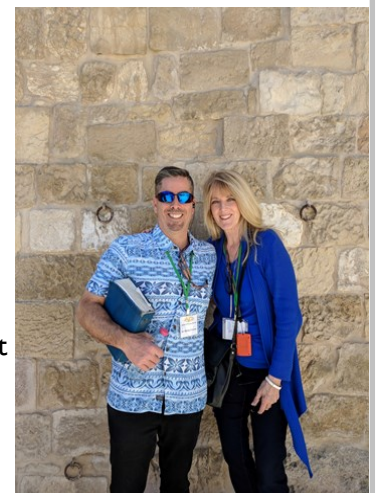
Why? This is a question that hits me deeply. There have been many times in my life when I have stood at places that have great significance, moments that have great importance. But as a believer I am trying to learn to see the world and the people in it through His eyes. What does God care about, how does He see this situation? On that ride down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem, what did Jesus see? The answer is – something that made Him cry. His tears are a striking contrast to the joy of the crowd.

The descent down the Mount of Olives (which we walked on our “pilgrimage”) gives you a clear and exhilarating view of Jerusalem with the whole city fully displayed. Jesus could see the magnificence of the city and clearly see the Temple Mount on Mount Moriah. Herod’s Temple would be there (facing east), clear and dominating the landscape with its beauty and majesty. But Jesus knew what was *going on* and what was *coming*. First, He knew that much of the Jewish leadership and priesthood was corrupt, they were exploiting people in The Court of the Gentiles for their own personal gain. That beautiful majestic Temple, that was supposed to represent God and draw people to His presence, was in many ways bankrupt.

Secondly, He knew what was coming. He knew that as great and lovely as the Temple was, the city that was teeming with people would in a short period of time be devastated by destruction and death (by the Romans in A.D. 70). I am sure that His tears also had to do with the results of disobedience and unbelief that can still be felt today in Jerusalem...And perhaps even a cross that awaited Him.

But...still He rides...

He came into Jerusalem to save. He did not turn around (see Luke 9:51), He did not give up. His prayer just a few days later in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:39) tells us how hard it was on Him. But He drank the bitter cup of God’s wrath for us, for you and for me (Rom. 5:8-10). He loves us so much.



## Travel Tips

### Money Concerns

Debit/credit cards are used in the Middle East. Contact your bank prior to leaving and give them the dates of your travel plans. Please remember to request an international number from your credit card or bank when you give them your travel dates. It makes it much easier to contact them, in the event that you need to do so. You can exchange money at the

airport. We do not recommend exchanging a lot of money. In most cases, when you pay in U.S. dollars, you will receive back foreign currency. It is wise to carry quite a few smaller bills; \$1's, 5's, and 10's. You can use these for small purchases. Money belts or pouches are highly recommended to keep passports and money secure.

### Passports

Make sure to have a valid passport, with a date of at least six months remaining from return date of the tour. If you do not have a passport, apply for one immediately. You can obtain information on applying for or renewing your passport at <http://travel.state.gov>



## Safety

Safety in a foreign country is of great concern to most people. Many people are not comfortable traveling to a place with which they are unfamiliar, and may perhaps have heard that it is unsafe. It is sometimes easier to avoid visiting a country you

have always wanted to visit. Your safety is our concern. Tour operators will always have the most current information on the safety in each country, and any reports that are issued. Security issues in Israel and other countries are many

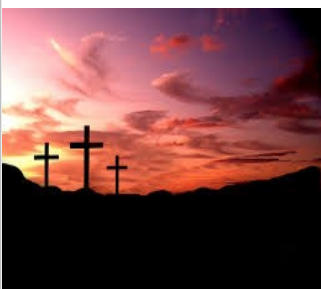
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## Continued...

Palm Sunday reminds us that despite how far away the world can be from God and how wrong we can get things – God is faithful. He is “mighty to save” (Isa. 63:1, John 3:16). Let us put our trust in Him afresh this blessed holiday season and let us love Him more who first loved us so deeply.

God bless you and yours and shalom,

**Pastor Michael Lantz, Living Truth Christian Fellowship, Corona CA**



## Messages from our tour participants....

Are any of you planning a trip to Israel? And you want a trip of a lifetime? Please read this. Our trip was not a 5 out of 5, but a 10 out of 5! I totally recommend this organization below, you will not be disappointed, I guarantee it. Linda Ream-Miller's heart cannot be measured. Her event planning/activities were wayyyy beyond our expectations. I do also recommend starting an exercise regimen 6 months prior to your departure with her. Linda is a firecracker, orchestrator, on-point, and was so caring and loving to each of us. Love you so much Linda Ream-Miller !!! So happy & blessed to have met you and Jarir, our guide; acquaintances Kel and I will never forget. May God continue to bless you forever and ever, Amen. Friends, please feel free to reach out to me for more detail about logistics, planning...etc.

**Gary Poole, Kansas City, MO**



Yes!! Yes!! YES!!!!!! Linda Ream-Miller was amazing! I have been blessed to travel quite extensively and have planned each of those trips. Our trip to Israel was arranged through Alpha2Omega, and after having been there I can wholeheartedly say there is NO WAY I could have organized this trip and have us see and experience everything we did - and all at an amazing price! The organization it took to coordinate flights, hotels, a [phenomenal] guide, bus & driver [a job not for the faint of heart], choosing the sites, events, tours/tickets, and meals for 50 people is mind-blowing! Linda's experience, care and knowledge made this trip absolutely incredible! I second Gary and would recommend her and Alpha 2 Omega Travel to anyone! God bless you Linda! All the work you put into this tour has changed our lives forever!

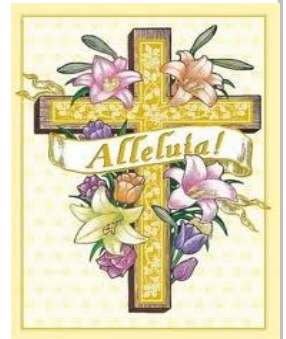
**Kelly Poole, Kansas City, MO**

Great visiting Israel and taking it all in, Linda. Thanks for making all this happen smoothly and enjoyably. I appreciated looking out over the Sea of Galilee I had a chance to walk early one morning before getting on the bus, and just take in the beauty and peacefulness of the lake. I pictured the contrast of the raging waters when Peter got out of the boat to walk toward Jesus, and how we as humans might be willing to take a walk when everything's calm. Raging waters make us uneasy, but Peter was bold enough to step out over the boat's edge and pursue his Lord. Great lesson to behold.

**Mike Rizzi, Living Truth Christian Fellowship, Corona CA**

Rachel and I want to thank you for the most marvelous tour we've ever been on. We will never forget this marvelous journey to Israel. It's difficult to pick any single moment that was the best, but I guess for me it would be the baptism in the Jordan River. Rachel tends toward our visit to Masada as her favorite part of the tour. It was wonderful to be able to travel with other believers who were as excited as we were to be there in Israel. Our Tour Guide was impressive. He was so knowledgeable, and he answered every question with wisdom and accuracy. The Alpha 2 Omega tour to Israel brought to life the events of the bible. I can only say that if anybody plans to go to Israel, then Alpha 2 Omega is the way to go. We hope to go to Israel again, and other places, with Alpha 2 Omega Travel.

**Mike and Rachel Zachary, Corona CA**





Hands down the best trip we've taken. It is a blessing to walk where Jesus walked and to see Israel in person. No movie or picture can do it justice. She's a "must see" with your own eyes!! Jarir, our guide, Obada, our bus driver, and you, Linda, were all knowledgeable, approachable, and a ton of fun. We must come back because there is so much more to see and learn. To visit the land of Israel and see her people and culture is a treat and blessing.

**Monique Lacey**

A precious moment when being baptized in the Jordan River.... almost surreal knowing our Lord was baptized there... somewhere in that river.

A renewing of Spirit was all around..... to follow in His footsteps made this trip a definite pilgrimage. He is Risen!

**Patti Whitley**

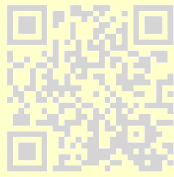


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During the next few months, we are actively seeking tour hosts for the 2018-2020 tour seasons. If you have hosted a tour in the past, please give us a call to schedule dates for your next tour. If you haven't traveled with us before, or haven't traveled to the Holy Lands, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can contact our office directly at (760) 985-3540 or email us at [office@alpha2omegatravel.org](mailto:office@alpha2omegatravel.org).

### Host a tour

#### Host a tour - Custom Pricing 2018

Oct 2-11, Oct 9-18, Oct 16-25, Oct 23-Nov 1, Oct 30-Nov 8, Nov 6-15

#### Host a tour—Discounted—Israel, January and February 2019

Jan 8-17, Jan 15-24, Jan 22-31, Jan 29-Feb 7, Feb 5-14,

Complete package starting at \$3399.00 per person Land only package starting at \$2599.00 per person

#### Host a tour - Custom Pricing 2019

Apr 2-12, April 29-May 9, May 9-19, May 21-31, May 30-Jun 9, Jun 8-18, Jul 2-12, Jul 11-21  
Sep 3-13, Sep 12-22, Oct 22-Nov 1

#### Host a tour—Discounted—Israel, January and February 2020

Jan. 6-15, Jan. 13-22, Jan. 21-30, Feb.3-12

Complete package starting at \$3399.00 per person Land only package starting at \$2599.00 per person

#### Host a tour - Custom Pricing 2020

Feb 17-27, Feb 26-Mar 7, Mar 5-15, Mar 16-26, Mar 24-Apr 3, Apr 13-23, Apr 22-May 2, Apr 30-May 10  
May 11-21, May 20-30, May 28-Jun 7, Jun 8-18, Jun 16-26, Jun 25-Jul 5, Jul 6-16

### Join a tour

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