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Re: Israel Pilgrimage Reboot

I am writing as you may have expressed an interest in going on the *Shoresh Pilgrimage* to Israel in March 2023! After having to cancel the past two years...we are going to get this done.

Dr. Theresa Newell will be here on Sunday, August 7th to talk about her experiences in the Holy Land. Affectionately known to friends as *Mother Theresa*, Dr. Newell has been leading trips to Israel since 1976. She was also the founder of **CMJ USA**, our nations expression of the *Christian Ministry to the Jews*. Philip Bottomley, who led our Seder Dinner, was it's first director.

One of the great things about this trip is that we actually stay in the heart of the Old City (six nights) at the CMJ guest house at Christ Church, Jerusalem. Located inside the Jaffa Gate, the *Christ Church guesthouse* is an oasis from the hustle and bustle that is the Old City of Jerusalem. Plus, when you wake up, you are already there. <https://www.cmj-israel.org/christ-church-guest-house>

I've shared with you before that this trip was a big eye opener for me. I knew I should go. But the idea of traveling that far was daunting. When my friend Wey Camp hosted a trip, I thought *If I don't go with my friend Wey, I'll probably never go. It turned out to be the trip of a lifetime.* I've been reading about Israel ever since! I actually thought to myself *why don't they MAKE people do this in Seminary?* A trip like this will turn your reading of the scriptures from black and white into technicolor.

Theresa will be speaking about her experiences in the Holy Land during our two services on **Sunday, August 7th**. **We will also host an exploratory meeting with Dr. Newell at 9:00 am in the Henning House.** If you have questions, interest or concerns about this study tour, please come.

One issue I wanted to address that I've heard expressed more than one person voice as I've talked about this possibility is *I just don't know enough about the Bible to go on something like this.* Nothing could be further from the truth! You will learn lots about Israel, it's culture, geography, politics, history and tons about the Bible. It is truly a pilgrimage and an investment in your walk with the Lord.

The accommodations are great. The food is great. We will laugh, have fun, worship together and learn a lot. The land portion of the trip covers everything in Israel including tips, breakfast and dinner, entry to all the historical sites, guide and driver. The only thing not covered is your daily lunch...which is about \$15/day.

If you have even a small tug of the Spirit about this, please come and hear more. I would love to do this trip with you! The dates are **March 22nd through April 5th**.

Eric

Here is the link to the itinerary. <https://www.cmj-israel.org/sites/default/files/uploads/Newell%202023%20ROF%20Itinerary.pdf>