

# Tracing the Life of Jesus in Modern Times

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**Travel to the Holy Land**  
Modern Israel and Palestine  
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# Life of Christ

- Annunciation in Nazareth
- Birth – Bethlehem
- Escape to Egypt
- Growing up - Nazareth
- Temple in Jerusalem
- Baptism at River Jordan
- Atonement in Gethsemane - Mount of Olives
- Miracles and Calling Apostles - Sea of Galilee
- Death on Calvary / Golgotha – Skull Hill & Sepulcher
- Resurrection from the Garden Tomb

# Annunciation





## Church of Annunciation in Nazareth

- The announcement by the angel Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:26–38) and later to Joseph.

Bethlehem



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Modern Bethlehem



# Modern Bethlehem

- Bethlehem is a Palestinian city located in the central West Bank, Palestine, about 10 km south of Jerusalem. Its population is approximately 25,000 people. It is the capital of the Bethlehem Governorate. The economy is primarily tourist-driven.
- Bethlehem has a [Muslim](#) majority, but is still home to a significant [Palestinian Christian](#) community
- Today, the city has an 24 foot high [Israeli West Bank barrier](#), which cuts Bethlehem off from its sister city Jerusalem.



# Modern Bethlehem



## Church of the Nativity

#1 of 29 things to do in Bethlehem

●●●●● 1,169 reviews

*"Renovations"* 12/09/2016

*"A must see but forgive the squeeze"* 12/07/2016

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## Milk Grotto

#2 of 29 things to do in Bethlehem

●●●●● 184 reviews

*"Quiet Reflection time."* 12/07/2016

*"milk grotto november 10 2016"* 12/04/2016

Points of Interest & Landmarks



## Mar Saba Monastery

#3 of 29 things to do in Bethlehem

●●●●● 100 reviews

*"A true monastery: remove, religiou..."* 12/08/2016

*"Middle of the Wilderness"* 11/15/2016

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# Church of the Nativity

Door of Humility

# Church of the Nativity

The **Church of the Nativity** is a basilica located in Bethlehem, West Bank. The **church** was originally commissioned in 327 by Constantine the Great and his mother Helena over the site that was traditionally considered to be located over the cave that marks the birthplace of Jesus.

It is also one of the oldest surviving Christian churches.



Manger Square in Bethlehem



- The birth of Jesus is narrated in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. **Matthew** gives the impression that Mary and Joseph were from Bethlehem and later moved to [Nazareth](#) because of Herod's decree, while **Luke** indicates that Mary and Joseph were from Nazareth, and Jesus was born in Bethlehem while they were in town for a special census.
- According to Luke 2:7 (in the traditional translation), Mary "laid him in a **manger** because there was no room for them in the inn." But the Greek can also be rendered, "she laid him in a manger because they had no space in the room"

# Jesus born in a Cave

- The gospel accounts don't mention a **cave**, but less than a century later, both Justin Martyr the *Protoevangelium of James* say Jesus was born in a cave. Many houses in the area are still built in front of a cave. The cave part would have been used for stable and storage - thus the manger.



# Milk Grotto

An irregular grotto hollowed out of soft white rock, the site is sacred to Christian and Muslim pilgrims alike. It is especially frequented by **new mothers** and women who are trying to conceive.

By mixing the soft white **chalk** with their food, and praying to Our Lady of the Milk, they believe it will increase the quantity of their milk or enable them to become pregnant.



Holy place  
Please Silence



# Nazareth



## International Center Mary of Nazareth

#1 of 27 things to do in Nazareth

5/5 368 reviews

"Welcoming and amazing place!" 12/06/2016

"Helpful staff, worth the visit" 11/20/2016



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## The Church of the Annunciation

#2 of 27 things to do in Nazareth

5/5 712 reviews

"Disappointed" 12/10/2016

"Annunciation complex" 12/05/2016



Architectural Buildings



## Archaeology Tours (1)

#3 of 27 things to do in Nazareth

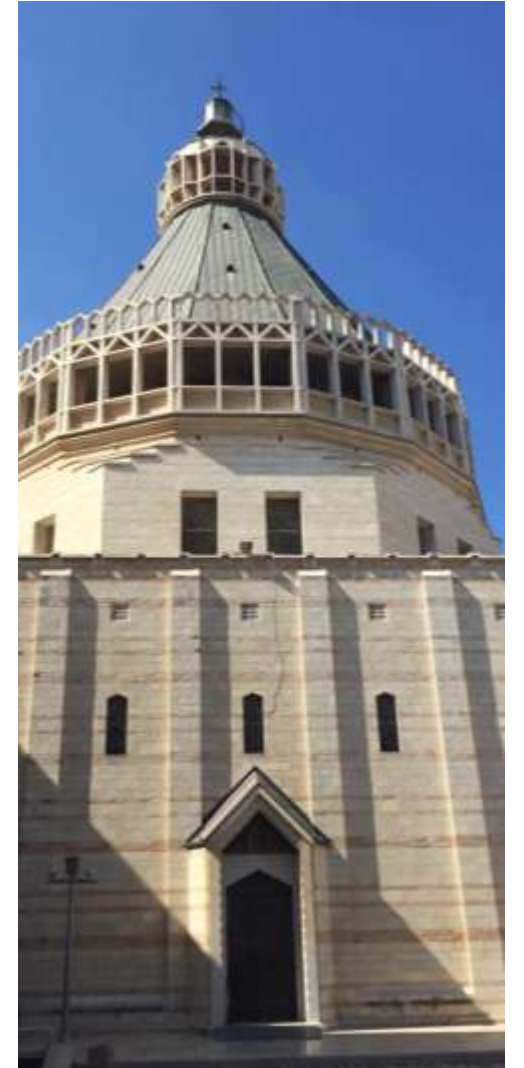
See all 1 Archaeology Tours, including Nazareth Village

# Life in Nazareth





# Nazareth Childhood home of Jesus





# International Center Mary of Nazareth

328 Reviews

43 mi

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9:30AM - 12:00PM, 2:30PM - 5:00PM

## Attraction Information

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# Jesus was Baptized in River Jordan



# Sea of Galilee



# Entry into Jerusalem Damascus Gate



# Old Jersuaalem





Streets of  
Jerusalem

# Mount of Olives

- The Mount of Olives or Mount Olivet is a mountain ridge east of and adjacent to Jerusalem's Old City. It is named for the olive groves that once covered its slopes. The southern part of the Mount was the Silwan necropolis, attributed to the ancient Judean kingdom. The Mount has been used as a Jewish cemetery for over 3,000 years and holds approximately 150,000 graves, making it central in the tradition of Jewish cemeteries. Several key events in the life of Jesus, as related in the Gospels, took place on the Mount of Olives, and in the Acts of the Apostles it is described as the place from which Jesus ascended to heaven.





# BYU Jerusalem – Mount of Olives & Gethsamane



# Mount of Olives Orson Hyde Memorial Garden

- 5.5 acre park on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, Israel. The park was inaugurated on October 24, 1979, by the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Spencer W. Kimball. The garden is dedicated to the memory of Orson Hyde, an early apostle in the church who visited Jerusalem and offered a prayer dedicating the Holy Land for the return of the Jews.



Jesus Fasted for  
40 days



# Sermon on the Mount



# The Temple in Jerusalem



- **Jesus** at the age of twelve accompanies Mary, Joseph and a large group of their relatives and friends to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, following "the custom of the feast" (NKJV) - that is, Passover. On the day of their return, **Jesus** "lingered" in the **Temple**, but Mary and Joseph thought that he was among their group

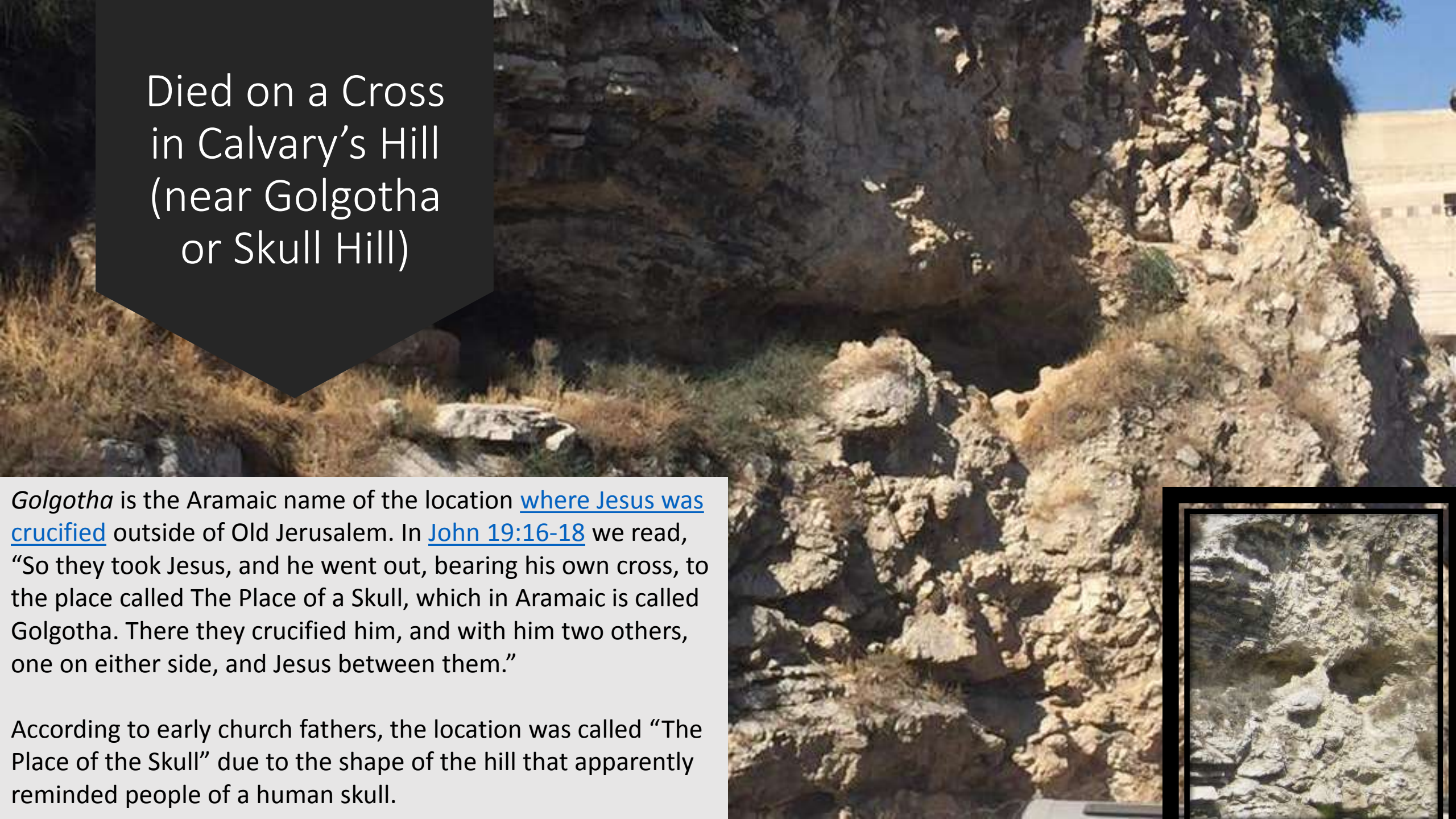
# Western Wall of the Temple



# Church of the Holy Sepulcher

- According to traditions dating back at least to the fourth century, the two holiest sites in Christianity: the site where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, known as "Calvary" in Latin and "Golgotha" in Greek, and Jesus's empty tomb, where he is said to have been buried and resurrected.





## Died on a Cross in Calvary's Hill (near Golgotha or Skull Hill)

*Golgotha* is the Aramaic name of the location [where Jesus was crucified](#) outside of Old Jerusalem. In [John 19:16-18](#) we read, “So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.”

According to early church fathers, the location was called “The Place of the Skull” due to the shape of the hill that apparently reminded people of a human skull.



# Garden Tomb

HE IS NOT HERE  
FOR HE IS RISEN

