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LANDMARKS OF FAITH The Jewish Roots of Christianity

A trip to Israel isn't the only way to explore the roots of the Christian faith. Jeff Harrison, former teacher and guide in the Holy Land, brings the drama and excitement of history "to life" in the Landmarks of Faith seminar series.

In his last seminar, Pastor Harrison shared fascinating new information about the life of Jesus from the latest discoveries in Israel. This year's seminar will be an eye-opening journey through history <u>after</u> the time of Jesus. It tackles the question: "How did an originally Jewish religion become the Christianity we know today?" This question, neglected for generations, has suddenly become a hot topic with the rebirth of the Jewish Christian movement—known today as Messianic Judaism.

The first meeting of the seminar will address the question: Who were the early Jewish Christians? How did they live and relate to other Jews and to Gentile Christians? Why did they disappear for so many hundreds of years? The second meeting will discuss how this originally Jewish faith came to the Gentiles, and how the Gentiles understood and misunderstood their Jewish roots. The third meeting will look at steps the Church took to officially cut itself off from its Jewish roots. This led to many disturbing events in the Middle Ages, when Christian kings and empires openly persecuted both Jews and Bible-believing Christians. The final meeting will talk about one of the darkest hours in history: the Nazi Holocaust. How did such a horrible event take place in a historically Christian country? Then, from the pit of destruction to the excitement of new life, the dramatic rebirth of the State of Israel and the reappearance of Jewish Christianity. What is the deeper meaning of these prophetic events for the Church today?

Pastor Harrison studied in Israel with some of the top Israeli archeologists and Christian scholars in Jerusalem. He and his wife and children are now missionaries in the Philippines. This seminar is one of the teachings he shares with pastors, Christian leaders, and churches in Asia. Through the use of maps, slides, and diagrams, Harrison takes seminar participants as close to the land of Israel as they can get without stepping on an airplane. Slides in this seminar include sites in Israel and Rome. Slide lectures will be included in 3 of the 4 meetings.

The Landmarks of Faith "Jewish Roots of Christianity" seminar will be presented at

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