

Israel.

Main passage: Acts 2: 22- 42

Other passages: Luke 22:42, John 21:1-11, Mark 16:1-6, Matthew 11:28, John 14:6.

Trip to Israel: The Lord allows us to see the Bible, in Israel you see the bible, you see the places physically, you can touch it, even smell it.

A brother from Tel Aviv, Adolfo and her family, had organized for a group, a total of 24 people came from Tel Aviv that we did not know and join us. One sister from Tel Aviv got baptized in the Jordan River. I preached in the Jordan River, and something happened to me that had never happened before, Israel is the land of miracles, after preaching some members of the group wanted to get baptized, as in the times of Peter the apostle. People that for many years had carried a fight that day did public testimony of the Lord Jesus and that same day got baptized, people accepting the Lord and wanting to get baptized the same day. It was something very special. I got the feeling that a new church was being born there. All of them in the way back asked to please organize something to be able to learn from the bible. Everywhere where there are souls that want to know from God, may He help us to help them and may His Kingdom grow.

After the baptisms we went to the city of Jericho, once and no more, I repeat, once and no more. It is a city that "belongs to the palestinian authority" and is an abyss to be in a place that is under the palestinian authority, is a place that is dirty, untudy, that has a lot of biblical history but the spiritual atmosphere is terrifying.

Since last year that our sisters Miguelina and her daughter Chantal were baptized so many things have happened, a church was born in Llagostera. When we are on line with God's will, when we put our life to serve him, God surprises us, many things happens. How much time we loose because we are not in God's will?.

Our objective is to be in God's will and follow it. In the Gethsemane Garden where the olives were pressed, Jesus prayed saying "Father not my will be done but yours" (Luke 22:42). In that place the Lord had a huge battle with himself, He prayed to do the Father's will. Is the only time in His ministry that He asked his disciples to pray for him. Don't you ever be ashamed to ask for prayer if you are having a hard time. Many of us come to the Lord in the hardest times of our lives, not in the best of times, in the worst times is when we look for God and the bible says that he who looks will find, and he who calls will be answered, don't be ashamed to come to God when you are having a hard time.

In the bible we read that the disciples fell asleep, the Lord asked them again to keep praying, this happened three times. When He arose again from the dead, 72 hours later, John 21:11, He found the disciples fishing in a place called Tagma and the Lord from the shores asked them, "Have you fished anything?". The answer was, "nothing, all night we have tried to fish with no results". They were all night without sleeping trying to fish with no results, and three days ago the Lord asked for one hour to pray with Him and they fell asleep. How we are, for our things we have time but for God things we don't have the same enthusiasm or time. For God's things we always have to have time. When we look for Him and we put Him first of all we don't have to worry for anything nor anyone, He will take care of the littlest detail. When

they came to the shore the Lord had prepared the fish, their breakfast. How kind and detailist is the Lord. The Lord had mercy of them, they were sad because of their failure, He said to them " Throw the net in the right side". It was an act of faith, the side was not that important, what is important is to trust the Lord. All you do in your life do it as the Lord says, not as you think, if you do it as the Lord says He will always bring blessings to you life. The net nearly breaks full of fish, they had to share the blessings because they had too much. There were 153 fishes! Why is this number so important? Why was this mentioned? In the bible all that is written is because it has a reason. The letters in hebrew have numeric values, each word, phrase has a numeric number. The numeric value of the phrase "I am God" adds up 153 ! So this miracles teaches us that each fish you count, in the case of the disciples, and every miracle you see in your life is not because of you, but because of the Lord doing it.

We are going to close for a week the beneficence shop we have due to works that need to be done in the church. All the profits of the benefit shop go to the work of God, but next week will be closed. This week a lady from Switzerland that came with us to Israel gave us an offering and the amount was very very close to the same amount we would get from the benefit shop during a week! Wonderful! God is always ahead! The last thing that should worry us is money, God is always ahead!!! Remember that lady during the night? She was worried and thinking, "I am weak, who is going to move the stone for me?" And when she lifted up her eyes she realized the stone was not there!!! (Mark 16:1-6) She was worrying for something it was already resolved!!! But the stone was not removed for the Lord to be able to go out of the tomb, but for you to be able to go in and see God's glory.

Sometimes we worry for things that God has already resolved. God has everything under His control, everything under God supervision is a blessing.

Going to Israel our flight was cancelled and the Lord helped us to buy and get another flight, praise God that we could go to Israel and fulfill our responsibilities. We had a flight that left at five in the morning from Tel Aviv to Barcelona so we had enough time to get the next flight from Barcelona to Tenerife, but this flight from Tel Aviv was delayed by two hours, therefore it left us with very little time to get the other flight from Barcelona to Tenerife but the Lord, once again, wants to show us that everything is under His control. We hardly had time to get the flight to Tenerife, and the gate we had to go to was nearly the very last one in the other side of the airport. We wanted to be here tonight and we prayed for God to help us. We talked to the man at the airport in Tel Aviv and thanks God he accepted and checked the luggage straight to Tenerife, the flights were not connected so if he did not we would have had to get de suitcases in Barcelona and then would miss the next flight. We asked the Lord , "please may the flight to Tenerife be delayed because if not we won't be able to get that flight". And arriving at Barcelona we find out that the flight to Tenerife was delayed! Glory to God!

Then when we try go leave the plain in Barcelona the bus that had to pick the passengers up was not coming!! At the end the bus came to pick us up, we get to the terminal and our door does not open, all the doors open except for ours! After pushing it very hard it did open, we run and thanks God we could arrive on time. God is good, when we are in the middle of God's will blessings come. God never loses! Praise God.

One night walking in Jerusalem I saw a man speaking in Spanish, he was flattering the ladies that went by, this is something that is not done nor seen there. I talked to him. He had had an accident of which he survived miraculously, his wife left him, he had a very hard life, he fell into alcoholism. The Lord saved his life many times. It was an opportunity to talk to him, we talked, he is following the web site of the church, please pray for him.

We went to Mount Sion where David's tomb is, also where the last supper happened and also is believed that is where the disciples were praying for Peter and Peter came and knocked the door. There, in Mount Sion, there is a place that little people know. Once a day is opened and you can go in, is where the primitive church was born. Right there an orthodox Jew, a rabbi was crying, don't ask me why, he was praying and crying, I don't know why he went there. I reached him, I talked to him and asked him. "Can I pray for you?" He agreed and I said to him Psalms 121. After that we both laughed together with joy from the Lord. I think the Lord took us there on that precise moment.

We don't do these trips to take pics, there is always a spiritual reason. There are lives that need to know so much about where to go spiritually. Every time we go we pray for the Lord to give us grace, for Him to open doors. We had the privilege one night to go and have dinner with a Jewish family, we had an extraordinary time, we shared the Sabbath, I gave my testimony and was an extraordinary time, doors have been opened and only God knows where this will take.

We have noticed that you have been praying for us more than ever, God has protected us, He has given us grace with people, we see how doors are opened and hearts are being touched. We see how God is touching the heart of people, how we are able to talk about Yeshúa openly, that is the grace of God, the results of prayers. The best thing you can do for a pastor is to pray for him.

Let's go to Acts chapter 2, verse 29 and ahead. The Holy Spirit was poured powerfully over a group of people in Jerusalem and Peter explains what is happening. Verses 29, 30, 31. During a time in the Bible prophets were known as the one who discerned the times. This is what happened to King David, he was talking about Jesus when he said "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption". (Psalms 16:10) He was not talking about himself, but about Jesus Christ. Verse 32. Peter said that this Jesus was risen and there were witnesses. God things are clear, they are yes and amen. There were witnesses of Jesus's resurrection. Verse 33, 34, 35. We know that Jesus is a descendant from the tribe of Judah, and King David belonged to the tribe of Judah.

I was telling one person this week in Jerusalem, Why so many prophecies? There are more than 150 prophecies that give information and details about Jesus. Why? So not anyone could come and say or pretend to be the Messiah lying to the people, only the one that fulfilled all the prophecies was the Messiah, not 5 or 6 of them, but all of them, and this happened in Jesus, Jeshua. To be recognized as the true Messiah all the details had to be fulfilled. The place of birth, how you die, where, when, etc. And Jesus fulfilled all of them.

(Verse 36). Him whom you crucified God the Father has given the maximum authority, Lord and Messiah. They chose to free the one that was guilty.

One of the signs that the devil manipulates circumstances is when justice gets corrupted. It is one of the last days signs, justice gets corrupted. They chose to free the guilty one, but this was not a coincidence, it was on God's plan and divine purpose.

(Verse 37). When they heard this, that they have killed the true Messiah their heart broke and they cried and asked, What do we do now? We did wrong. What do we do? (verse 38) And Peter said, "Repent and get baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the Holy Spirit".

There is still remedy, you have done things very bad but if you repent, if you go back to God repented, and as a public act of your repentance you get baptised, you can start from zero again and things can change. How good is God! God is good!

(Verse 42). The life of this 3000 people changed radically, they recognized that they had done wrong, that they sinned, they had put the righteous one into the hands of Pilatus and due to this he condemned Him to die. But they heard the good news, the word saying that if we repent, if we go back to God humiliated and repent from our sins with desire to change, if we get baptized and do God's will, He will pour blessings in our life, He will help us.

This is what has happened to us, when you realized in your life that you couldn't keep on like you were, you had a religion. When Jesus died christianity did not exist, He was not a christian, was born, lived all his life and died as the jew He was. That is why His parents took him to the temple to be circumcised, that is why He went every year to celebrate the jewish festivities to Jerusalem with His parents. He lived all His life as a jew. He did not come to bring a new religion, to compete with the one His ancestors had, He came to give life. You have religion, traditions, but no life, He said "I come to give life". That is why He said to those that were burdened with the religion, "Come to me all of you who are burdened and tired and I will give you rest". (Matthew 11:28). All the commandments in the law there is no way they can be accomplished.

In our case we did that, came to Jesus. Life is much more than money, life is very short. Times goes very fast. When this message comes to our life we have to stop and say, What can we do? Is there a solution? Can we start all over? And Peter said of course, repent, turn around.

If you ask, Where is the way? The answer is Jesus. (John 14:6) He is the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Him. There is only one way and truth and life, and that is the gospel which is to free not to give more burden. First step is to repent, as the prodigal son did, recognize the sin and ask for forgiveness (Luke 15). In this story we read what the son said. "Father, I am sorry, I do not deserve to be even a servant of you". But the father embraced him and welcomed him with a big party. Everytime a sinner repents there is joy in heaven,

That is the gospel, so easy, hard to believe for some but it is the truth, the blessing. The only one that can forgive our sins and save our souls is our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who died and rose again on the third day.

We were in the garden of the tomb in a room having the bread and the wine and a lady that traveled with us, after doing the calling, she accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour, a soul was taken to the feet of Jesus, won for Jesus. What is the value of a soul? The blood of Jesus. I thank God because it has been a fruitful trip. We have seen people passing from dead to life, not only seeing the beautiful streets but also the most important thing, we have had fruit for the Glory of God.

I want you to please pray for all that people that have heard for them to grow in the Lord and give fruit for the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today is election day but the only way for things to go well is to look for God with all our heart. This country needs a spiritual change, not a human one, and this change can only be given by God and is needed that the politicians realize. Israel is also in a period of elections again, the second in a year and maybe they will have to go into a third election. I ask you to look for God, accept Him in your life and heart, follow Him all the days of your life because He will never ever fail nor leave you.