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Dear Friends,

If you found yourself walking through ancient Israel with Jesus by your side, what might prompt a conversation? An oasis in the distance. A pasture where sheep quietly graze. A valley where armies once clashed.

Questions like these draw people to the Holy Land—even during a pandemic and upheavals across the globe. According to Statista, down from 4.5 million in 2019, only 396,500 people visited Israel in 2021 when restrictions and uncertainties were continually mounting. Times are very hard, and yet people still want to see the land that inspired the mustard seed parable and the shepherd and his sheep.

Not everyone can travel to Israel, yet Bible geographer and Holy Land expert John (Jack) Beck has traveled there extensively and created videos with Our Daily Bread Ministries so we can understand better how the land of the Bible connects with its stories. In *The Holy Land* video series, we follow Jack through a number of key places in Israel as he uncovers vibrant details of the land and its culture and history to relate biblical lessons that we might otherwise miss. I particularly have enjoyed his exploration of Psalm 23.

Your generosity has allowed our Visual Media Team to finally return to Israel this year and produce the third season of this popular video program which will be available on YouTube October 25. We now have a total of 3 seasons with 25 episodes and 12 hours of video in which we explore the many connections between the people, places, and events of the Old Testament and the characters, scenes, and experiences surrounding the life and ministry of Jesus and His disciples in the New Testament.

Thank you for your support. We have been able to share the truth of God's Word with new audiences through this medium. We are committed to providing excellent Bible resources

that allow you to grow deeper in your faith. Go to youtube.com/c/ourdailybread to view some of the videos for yourself and walk with Jack down paths where Jesus Himself traveled. I have enjoyed adding them to my daily devotional time once a week. I hope you will too. And if you think of it, share this resource with someone you want to encourage.

Boldly unhindered (Acts 28:31),

Matt Lucas, D.A.