

**I. Introduction: Today we are going to talk about Israel, because the foundations of our faith are rooted in the Jewish people, in the Jewish land, and in the Jewish Messiah.**

- A. The Bible is grounded in historical and archaeological facts. It is not mythology or make believe, but actual locations which we can see even today.

**II. Insights From Israel.**

A. Masada (**Ezek 37:1-14**).

1. We are living in extraordinary times, when we are seeing the prophetic restoration of Israel as described in the dry bones prophecy of Ezekiel 37.

B. Megiddo (**Rev 16:12-16; 19:11-21**).

1. New discoveries are being unearthed continually in Israel, allowing Christians to be confident that God's plan will be fulfilled just as He said it would.

C. Caesarea Philippi (**Matt 16:13-28**).

1. The critical question that every person must answer is, "who is Jesus Christ?" Heaven and hell hinge on the answer to this question.

D. Mount of Olives (**Zech 12:10; 13:1; 14**).

1. On Palm Sunday, Jesus came to the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, and one day He will return to it from heaven to rule as the King of Kings.

**III. Conclusion: Israel is important because it is the place that Jesus lived, died, and resurrected from the grave, in order that He might be our Saviour and King.**

## Questions About: Insights From Israel

1. What do you think of when you hear about Israel? Why do you think there is a Jewish state today? How did the state of Israel come into existence? Why should it matter to Christians?
2. Why is it important for believers today to support the Jewish people? What promise did God make to those who bless Israel? (**Gen 12:1-3**) What will happen to those who curse Israel?
3. Why does everything seem to center around Jerusalem today? (**Ezek 5:5**) How did God view the Jewish people? (**Zech 2:8**) What did God say would happen to Israel? (**Rom 11:1-2, 11-15**)
4. What is Masada? What happened there? What was found in the synagogue there? What did **Ezek 37** say about Israel? (**Ezek 37:1-14**) What did Paul say about Israel in **Rom 11:11-36**?
5. Where do we read about Megiddo in the Bible? (**Rev 16:12-16**) What recent discovery did they make at the prison near Megiddo? How did this confirm what the Bible says?
6. What question did Jesus ask the disciples at Caesarea Philippi? (**Matt 16:13-28**) Why did Jesus commend Peter for his answer? Why did Jesus rebuke Peter only moments later? (**vv. 21-23**)
7. What significant events happened on the Mount of Olives? (**2 Sam 15; Matt 21, 24; Acts 1:6-11**) How will Jesus return to the Mount of Olives in the future? (**Zech 14:8-9**)
8. What is your attitude toward the Jewish people? How are Christians supposed to treat Jewish people? Do you need to change your thinking or your behavior toward God's people?

### Prayer

1. Ask God to use you to reach the Jewish people with the Gospel.
2. Pray for God to bring peace to the city of Jerusalem through Jesus Christ.