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**AUTHOR OF 4 BOOKS,
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**EDUCATIONAL TRIPS TO
ISRAEL, GREECE & JORDAN**

Shalom Pastor and Church:

May 2024

We are grateful for your prayers for our nephew, Michael Cahen.

We are still praying for him (my sister's youngest son). They live in New York but have considered moving to Dallas, TX. In March 2023, his wife, Ileana, and son, Aaron, came to Christ, but Michael, though he listened intently and asked many questions, did not. We ask that you continue to pray for him.

Our Final Month of Classes went well at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary.

This included giving and grading Final Exams. We are excited for the five graduating men, as we had them in our classes, plus a bonus World Religion Class on Jewish Evangelism. During the semester, every class develops an ebb and flow with the students as you get to know them. You pour your heart and studies into each one, and this is where you struggle to see them leave. Our prayers accompany them as they become leaders in their churches. What an honor and privilege the Lord has given me!

Virtual Tour of Israel - A Three-Part Series. *What Day Did Jesus Die?*

The reason behind this series came about from my past studies. In my research of the four Spring Feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost), a Rabbinical argument would count the 50 days (Omer) from the Passover and end at Shavuot (Pentecost). Yet the Leviticus 23 text speaks of counting between the Feast of First Fruits to Pentecost. This raised a question in my mind: how does their answer affect a Christian view of the day that Jesus was crucified and died?

This led to developing a more thorough understanding of our topic. Our May class covered a fair and honest evaluation of the Wednesday death. Seeing the strong possibility of Jonah's death in the "whale's belly" and resurrection gives a connection with Jesus. *Yet, I believe this view is lacking as we ask three questions.*

1. **Is there a difference between day/night and night/day, or is it just semantics?**

A Wednesday death states it is semantics with no real study.

2. **Which view is correct for the comparison of Jonah and Jesus (Matthew 12:40)**

1. Jonah/whale's belly – Jesus/ "heart of the earth" – **Grave (Wed./Thurs. death)**

2. Jonah/whale's belly – Jesus/ "heart of the earth" – **Abraham's Bosom**

3. Jonah/whale's belly – Jesus/ "heart of the earth" – **Jonah/Jesus in captivity!**

3. **Can there be two Sabbaths in the same week?**

Come online to our Zoom class (email me – 3rd Friday) as we cover this important topic.

Partakers Together: "of the root and fatness of the olive tree"

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