

# International Teaching Ministry of Douglas Jacoby

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"Challenging men and women of faith to think"

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Greetings from Kiev, Ukraine. We're currently finishing up the Russian language version of AIM, our ministry school. Everything has been filmed, and graduation will take place in 2010. The value of biblical education cannot be overemphasized, as it facilitates solid interpretation of the scriptures, captivating classes, and sermons that bring us into direct encounters with God, through the Son of God, by means of the Word of God. In other words, the Word brings us to worship. As one editorial put it back in 1945, *"Do not choose a man [for the pulpit] who always preaches on isolated texts, I care not how powerful and eloquent he may be. The effect of his eloquence will be to banish a taste for the Word of God and substitute a taste for the preacher in its place."* In the spirit of this appeal -- and if we are represent Christ to the world -- men and women must be trained to handle the Word with great reverence, competence, and perseverance. The alternative is a humanistic version of Christianity. That is the central aim of the international teaching ministry.

The Bible not only comes alive through biblical preaching; it also comes into high relief and living color when we visit the places in which the biblical story is set. During last week's 2009 Biblical Study Tour in Rome and Pompeii, we explored the Colosseum, Forum, and Catacombs, revisiting the world of ancient Christianity. Ascending Mt. Vesuvius, we contemplated the enormous power of the currently sleeping volcano. Vesuvius *destroyed* the ancient Roman towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum -- yet *preserved* them under lava, mud, and ash. The combination of Rome and Pompeii afforded a glimpse of the setting of first century Christianity. This also proved a deeply bonding time for brothers, sisters, and friends gathered from Canada, Germany, Finland, Denmark, South Africa, the United States, and Switzerland.

The 2010 Tour will take place in the U.K., and I believe the combination of sites and cities will be truly faith-building. Please take a peek at the plan below, and send us an email if you think you will be there.

Note: Back newsletters are always available, and now labeled for easier reference. These relay observations and needs, chronicle travels, announce books and teaching series, and update you on what's new at both websites. Click on the Newsletters tab at the main website. Bulletins come about once a month. Tomorrow I head to India, and then Bangladesh, Singapore, and Korea. There will surely be many stories to tell, but they will have to be saved for another newsletter.

Last, many thanks for your responses to last month's "Parable of the Salmon." Those who wait upon the

Lord renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31). Sometimes this happens through words of encouragement that fortify the soul and remind us that we are not alone. I *needed* to hear from you, and want to express my profound appreciation. If you have a moment, please say a prayer for the minstry before you close out this window.

Yours in Him,  
*Douglas*

## **2010 BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR**

### **May 28-31, 2010**

### **LONDON**

#### **MAIN TOUR: CHRISTIANITY & THE BIBLE (LONDON)**

- Day 1 Fri 28      ***London in Christian History***  
Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, Big Ben, Thames River Cruise...  
Presentation: “**The Significance of London in Christian History**”
- Day 2 Sat 29      ***The British Museum & Biblical History***  
Guided Tour of the British Museum: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome. The world’s top museum for the background of biblical history. Firm up your Old Testament history! Get answers to your questions.  
Presentation: “**Timeline of the Bible**”
- Day 3 Sun 30      ***The British Library & the Biblical Manuscripts***  
Ancient Bibles in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, plus many other famous works.  
Presentation: “**How the Bible Came Together**”
- Day 4 Mon 31      ***The British Isles & Christian History***  
Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, St Paul’s Cathedral....  
Presentation: “**Christianity in the British Isles**” (first century, St. Patrick, Augustine, Bede, Wycliffe, Tyndale, Henry VIII, the Restoration Movement)

#### **POST-TOUR: THE BIBLE & LITERATURE (OXFORD & STRATFORD-UPON-AVON)**

- Day 1 Tue 1 June      **Oxford** (a beautiful network of colleges, and oldest surviving university in the English-speaking world –12<sup>th</sup> century) – which has many ancient biblical manuscripts amongst its renowned museums. Amazing medieval town!  
C. S. Lewis Walking Tour – his college, home, the pub where he and Tolkien met, and more. Learn more about my favorite Christian writer.
- Day 2 Wed 2      **Stratford-upon-Avon** – Shakespeare and the Bible. After Greco-Roman mythology, the Bible is the most important source Shakespeare drew on in constructing his plays, narrative poems, and sonnets. This is hardly surprising, as the world in which the playwright lived was a culture immersed in the Scriptures.  
Attend one of Shakespeare’s plays: *The Winter’s Tale*.

#### **Accommodation**

I am thinking it will be best to look for group discounts but leave the bookings to each participant. We would locate 4-star hotels, 2- or 3-star hotels, and also see how many friends in London would be willing to put up a BST participant. The more centrally you stay, the better. But commuting in on the extensive London Underground, Bus system, or British Rail is also a viable option.

#### **Meals**

For those staying at hotels or B&Bs, of course breakfast will be included in the nightly price. The

BST would not be providing meals this year.

### **Lectures**

I will look for a central location for the talks on the various subjects.

### **Cost**

\* For the main tour, the registration fee is US\$200. This is for registration only; there will be some extra costs (dinner cruise, admissions to some sites, and post-tour.

\* UK residents: £50. If you're hosting another participant from outside the UK, £25.

\* Europeans (outside UK): €50. Combinable with discounts above.

\* If you are coming from any other continent than North America: US\$75.

\* Spouses or other family members of participants, as well as full-time students: 50%.

\* Early registration (before 1 Jan 2010): 25% off.

(All costs provisional and subject to change.)

### **International Teachers' Seminar**

The 2010 I.T.S. may well take place in the UK. If so, expect it immediately before or immediately after the B.S.T. program. Cambridge comes to mind as an appropriate venue for the event.

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