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ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS IN NAZARETH

Those who watch CNN, may have seen the continuing series "Finding Jesus". British Archaeologist Ken Dark has been researching the ancient remains underneath the Sisters of Nazareth Convent in Nazareth, Israel. Even though the ancient remains have been known to exist since 1880, they had not been explored by an

archaeological scholar, so Dr. Ken Dark decided to reexamine the evidence. He is putting forth his premise that the ruins possibly reveal the Nazareth home of Mary and Joseph's family, the boyhood home of Jesus. If you able, watch this ongoing presentation by Dr. Dark.

UPPER GALILEE'S STONE TABLE

Archaeologists have discovered a 4,000 year old stone dolmen table-like structure in the northern Galilee region of Israel, next to Kibbutz Shamir. On March 5th, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced its discovery with some artistic decorations engraved in its ceiling. Archaeologists from Hebrew University and Tel Hai College published a study on the find. What is mysterious about this particular dolmen, along with others around the world, is its exact use. This will give scholars a project to work on for many years ahead.

—*The International Jerusalem Post*, March 10-13, 2017

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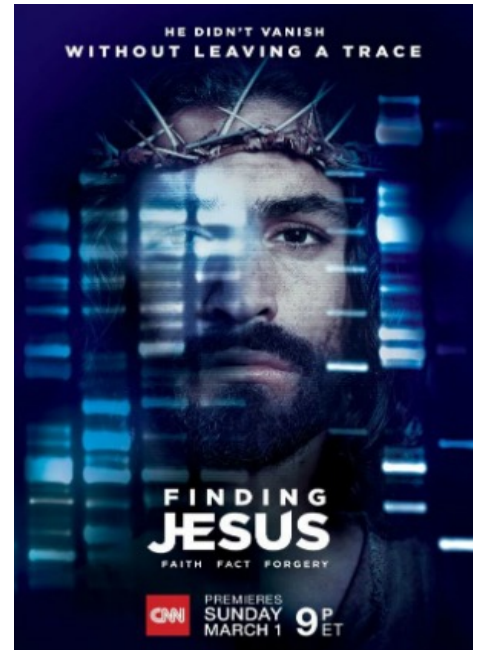
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We are so excited to be traveling to Israel and Jordan from June 22 – July 5, 2017! If you live in the Southern California area, we invite you to join us for a HistoryOnTheMove Information Reception on Saturday April 22nd from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Richfield Community Church Meeting House (5320 Richfield Road, Yorba Linda). There, you will be able to hear more about this exciting opportunity and have all your questions answered.

We look forward to seeing you!

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EARLIEST IMAGE OF THE VIRGIN MARY?

In the recent *Biblical Archaeological Review* (March/April 2017) Biblical scholar Mary Joan Winn Leith discusses the third century AD wall painting of a woman at a well from the Dura-Europos Church in eastern Syria. The Dura-Europos Church is considered the oldest Christian Church in the world. In her article "Earliest Depictions of the Virgin Mary," Leith reviews Michael Peppard's argument that the portrait depicts not the Samaritan woman as other scholars have thought, but the Virgin Mary at the time of the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel announces to her that She will bear the Son of God, Jesus. Take some time to read this fascinating review.

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