

## Footsteps of Jesus Update From Israel #2 Sunday March 29

### Dear Friends and Supporters

It rained Friday night and Saturday night and I was hoping this meant snow in the mountains and that it would clear up today. So I was up before sunrise and in position to watch it rising over the Sea of Galilee. While it was a really great sunrise, dawn revealed a breathtaking site to the north... Mount Hermon covered with snow!

As I left for the Golan Heights and an unobstructed view of the mountain I passed by the Arbel Cliff at Migdal (Magdala) Junction. I have never seen this area so green and clear.



Arbel Cliff at Migdal (Magdala)

I decided that I had to head up into the Golan to get pictures of this fantastic site. From the Bethsaida overlook I got an unobstructed view. But as I drove further north I was able to get stunning views.



Mt. Hermon from the Golan Heights

Then I came down to Nimrod's Fortress. Of course the site has nothing to do with Nimrod of the Bible. It was built as a crusader fortress and dominates the area around Caesarea Philippi.



Crusader Fortress "Nimrod's Castle"



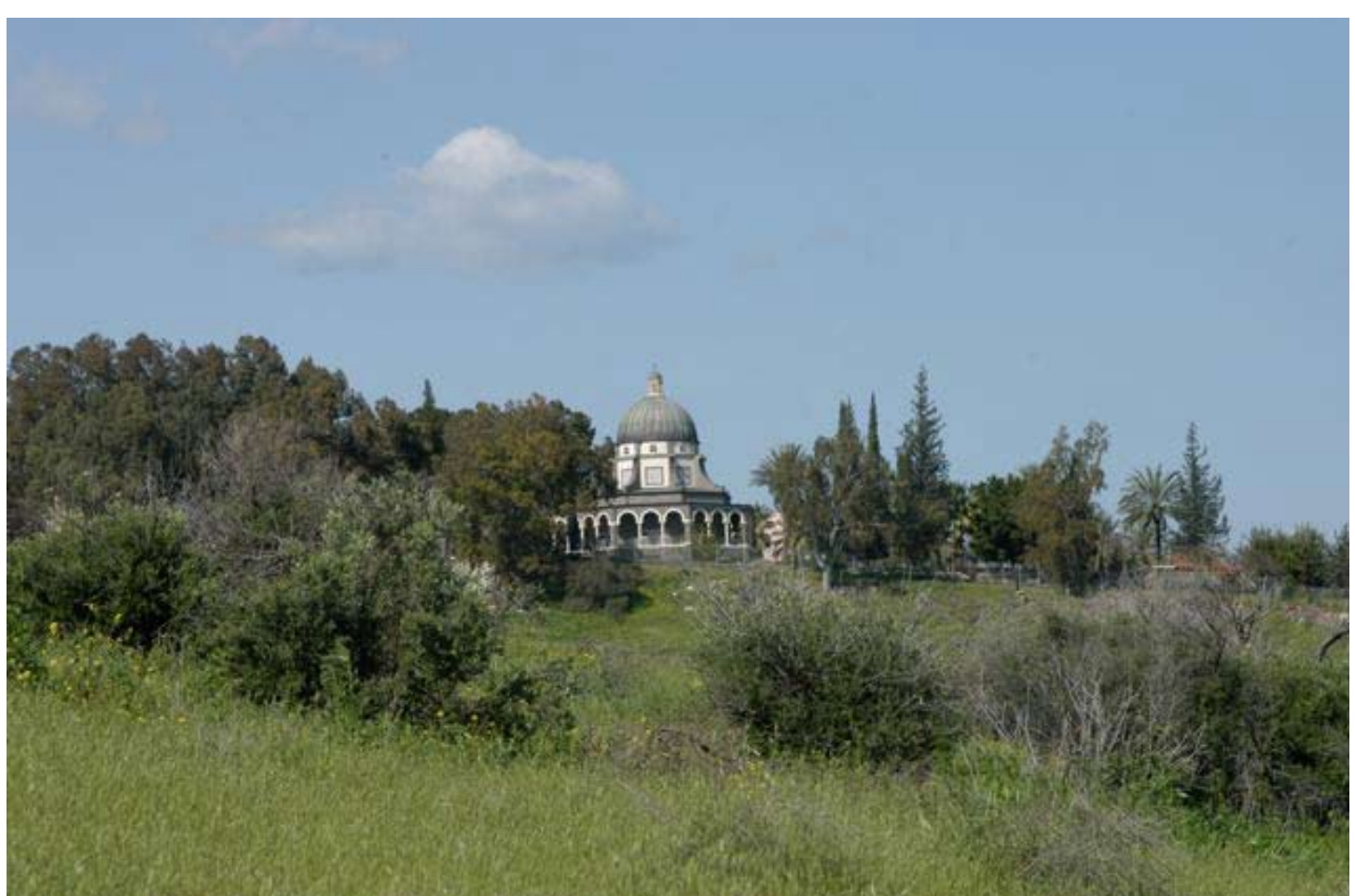
View of Mt. Hermon from Banias

I decided to drive the road marked on the Israel Map as "dangerous road" along the ridge of the Hula Valley. While this gave spectacular opportunities for filming the Hula valley, it also provided an opportunity for me to pay the \$400 deductible to the Rental car agency. While driving on a dirt side road I got stuck on a rock. Since I was by myself I put the car in reverse and tried to push off the rock using my right foot to work the gas and my left foot to push on the ground. When the car came off of the rock it lurched backwards and caught the door on a fence. The cheap rental car's door was destroyed and the flimsy fence was fine.

It was still clear when I reached the Sea of Galilee so I shot more footage around the lake. But clouds were already gathering around Mount Hermon and soon it was no longer visible. I thank the Lord for the privilege of having a brief window to view this snow-capped gem.

Later that day I went to Cana and Nazareth to shoot still pictures of the paintings and stain glass windows depicting the life of Jesus. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel in Israel preparing video, still pictures, and commentary for "Tracing The Footsteps Of Jesus."

Shalom from the Land



Church of the Beatitudes surrounded by green grass.