

Footsteps of Jesus Update From Israel #4 Tuesday March 31

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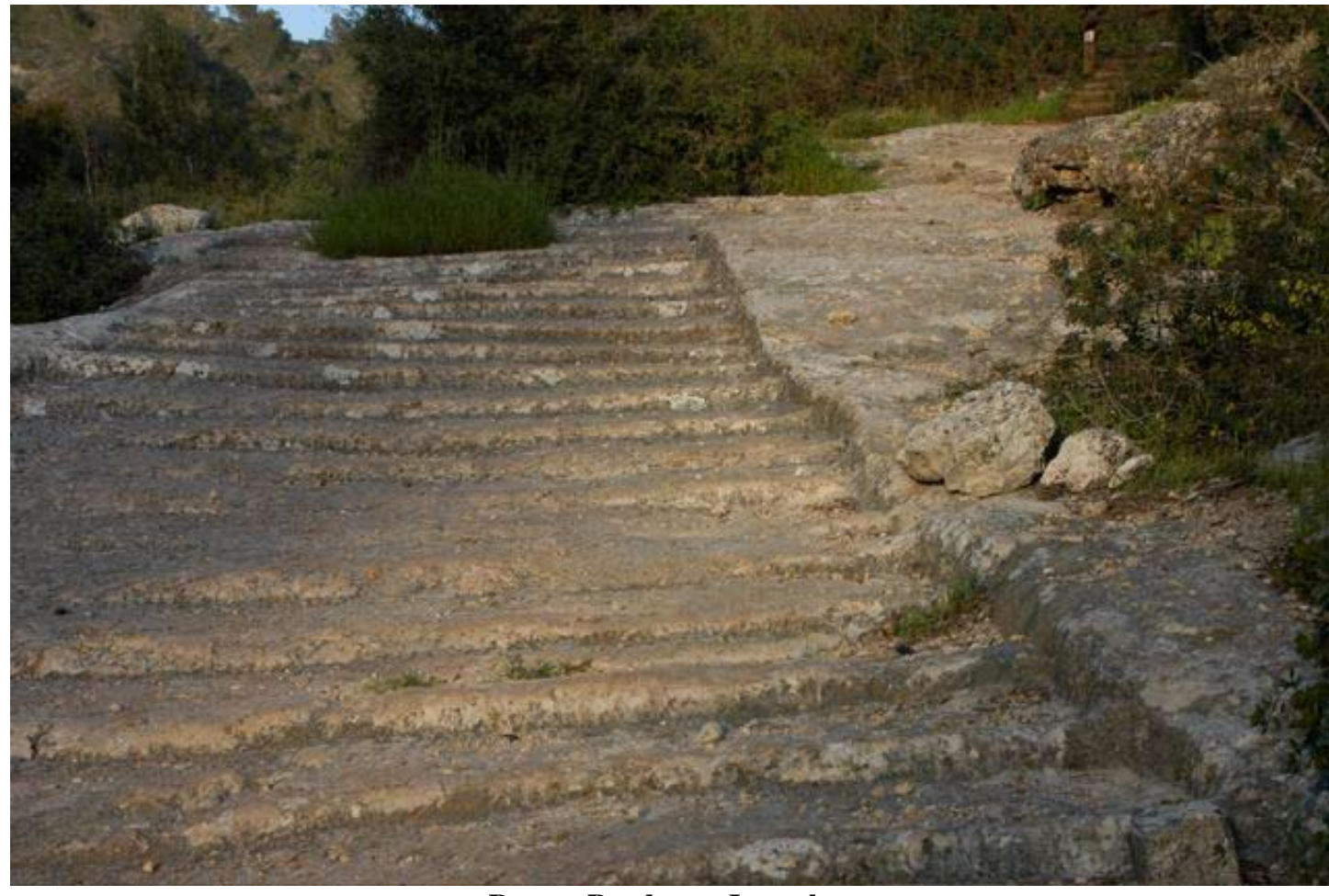
As you can tell I am a few days tardy in filing these reports. The time in Israel was very busy trying to get photos and video at sunrise and sunset. I thought I would take time to go back to the apartment for a rest, but this was not to be. This trip was far too short, but it was backed and ever so rewarding. I feel like I have been on a hunting expedition. Specific scenes or pictures that were needed for the series made for a targeted approach.

Dr. Fred Mantz loaned me his Nikon D100 with a 28-200 lens to shoot still pictures. This was such a blessing. Previously I had taken a photo of this picture of John the Baptist appealing to Herod, but it was slightly out of focus. So I returned to the lovely church of John the Baptist in the traditional village of his birth and took this photograph.



John the Baptist before Herod, En Kerem

I stopped in the past to check out this Roman Road but the sun was always high in the sky causing the road to be washed out. I returned to shoot video of me walking on this road. It takes you back several thousand years in time.



Roman Road near Jerusalem

I have been putting off writing the episode on the resurrection and the events surrounding it. Jerusalem is very crowded and noisy so I planned to do part of the teaching from Emmaus where it might be quieter and easier to control. The problem is there are three different candidates for Emmaus. I had not taken time to research which Emmaus to use. On this trip I stopped at Emmaus Nicopolis which has been identified as the site since early Christian times. Here you can see the ruins of the Byzantine and Crusader Churches.



Byzantine Church at Emmaus Nicopolis

Whether this is the actual site or not, this beautiful park lying between Emmaus Nicopolis and Jerusalem will make a wonderful (and quiet) setting to teach about the events surrounding Jesus resurrection, including the walk to Emmaus with Cleopas and his companion. The park is extremely large and I entered it without a map (I must confess that I spent a lot of time trying to locate the exit). Now I can write this episode with this lovely view in mind.



Park near Emmaus Nicopolis

Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I write the remaining episodes. I am trying determine when to return to complete the filming. I am so excited about this series. I know that it will be used to touch and bless lives around the world with the story of Jesus.

Shalom from the Land