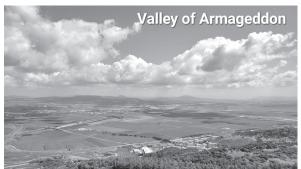


This was one of the most somber days of my life, and reminded me of the capacity we humans have for evil



I always thought Armageddon was a thing, not a place. This is where many historic battles have taken place. There is a large Air Force base right in the middle.

## **Trip to Israel**

by Bill Cooper

A while back an acquaintance and I were having a discussion, and I made a reference to Mary only being about fifteen when she had Jesus. He quickly responded with, "Oh c'mon Coop, you don't really believe all that Jesus stuff do you?"

My response took about five minutes and sounded something like this: You know that Muslims believe in Jesus, educated atheists believe in Jesus, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists and even agnostics believe in Jesus. Roman history is replete with references to both Jesus and Pontius Pilot. The only thing anyone debates is what was the significance of Jesus – was he the Son of God and our savior, or not. To this day, the Christian bible is the most referenced book in the history of the world used by archeologists, geographers and historians to determine where ancient civilizations existed, where kingdoms stood, where battles were waged and where sources of water could be found.

For any of my friends that really want to know the truth, I strongly recommend spending a week with a good tour guide in Israel. The history is amazing, the evidence is real. Seeing it will help make sense and lend perspective to the stories you have heard since you were a child.



The Romans were amazing builders



I always wondered how Jesus could have preached to 5,000 people without a microphone. Well, in this location on a hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee, the way it sloped down to the water, you could hear clearly for a very long distance.

Water tunnel under

**Jerusalem** 



The same river where Jesus was baptized



I did not know that the Sea of Galilee was about the size of Torch Lake and is fresh water



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Henry and Hayden Hubers - My reoccurring nightmare - going in a public place!



On a hill where you can see Syria and Lebanon



Northern Israel is incredibly fertile (see Giant Lemons!), southern Israel is a desert



Hezekiah's Tunnel under Jerusalem is almost

2 miles long!

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