

## **Bethany Day Tour**

### Excursion from Amman, Madaba or Dead Sea:

Visit The Baptism Site of Jesus Christ, where 2000 years ago Jesus came to be baptized by John.

### Visit Bethany

You will be collected from your hotel mid-morning and travel to Bethany Beyond Jordan, which is located very close to the Lowest Place on Earth the Dead Sea.

For Christians Bethany Beyond Jordan is probably the most significant pilgrim site in the world. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, the opening of the heavens and the arrival of the Holy Spirit is the very beginning of Christianity. John was baptizing in the river Jordan close to Beit 'Abara, where Joshua, Elijah and Elisha crossed the river and very close to where Elijah ascended into heaven.



In New Testament times, it became known as Bethany, the village of John the Baptist. This Bethany is not to be confused with the village of Bethany near Jerusalem, where the Bible says Lazarus was raised from the dead. The Bible clearly records that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist (Matthew 3: 13-17), and that John the Baptist lived, preached and baptized in the village of Bethany, on "the other side of the Jordan" (John 1: 28). The baptism site, known in Arabic as al-Maghtas, is located at the head of a lush valley just east of the Jordan River. After Jesus' baptism at Bethany, he spent forty days in the wilderness east of the River Jordan, where he fasted and resisted the temptations of Satan (Mark 1: 13, Matthew 4: 1-11).



On arrival in Bethany you will visit the upper site of Elijah's Hill, the Hermit Caves and the Baptismal pools. After lunch you will visit the lower site of the Jordan River and the spot where Jesus was baptized.

You will then be transferred to your hotel.

