

## Israel Pilgrimage September 2004 - World Peace Pilgrimage Reflection

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I just shortly want to share a little experience, a realization that I had during the pilgrimage here in Jerusalem.

### **Following Jesus' Footsteps**

One day our group went to a town called Kfar Nathom at the Sea of Galilee where Jesus had lived and preached. It felt very special to follow Jesus' footsteps and while our tour guide was explaining a few things, I started to really reflect on how Jesus must have felt. First it was just a thought of mine but later we arrived at the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus was preaching to his disciples and followers. "Blessed are those who..." that was the moment when I could somehow grasp a little more of Jesus' heart, how desperate he must have been to make the people understand God's heart and to make them understand how important it is, as simple as it may sound, to live and love others.

I could imagine people sitting in circles on the ground and Jesus standing and talking to them. He must have put so much heart into those words he spoke. I think that was the moment where I felt the closest I've ever felt to Jesus and everything he went through.