

## The IBC 2017 Conference Faculty

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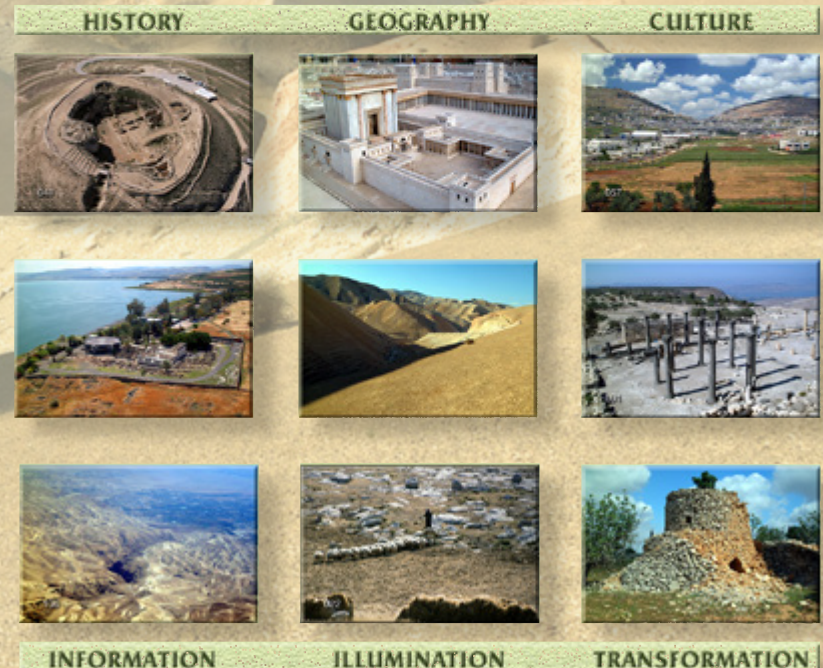
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The Institute of Biblical Context presents

# Jesus in His Context

...loving Jesus more by understanding His Word and world more.



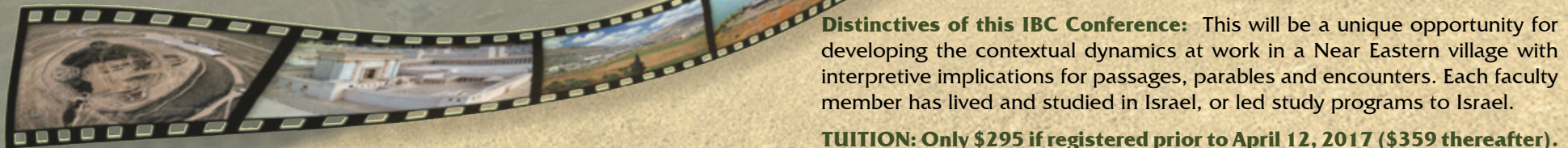
Hosted by Community Reformed Church  
Zeeland, Michigan, June 12-14, 2017

"We have forgotten that we read the Bible as foreigners, as visitors who have traveled not only to a new geography, but to a new century. We are literary tourists who are deeply in need of a guide." — Dr. Gary Burge, IBC 2017 Conference Speaker

## About The Institute for Biblical Context

The Institute of Biblical Context's (IBC) vision is to preserve and present biblical truth and meaning through integrating the biblical text with its visual, geographical, literary, historical and cultural context. The Institute's approach utilizes an expert faculty gathered in one place at one time to share their respective areas of expertise – favorite contextual tools, frameworks and resources – as well as their unique thematic insights into the context of God's Word. IBC's purpose is to allow the Scriptures to increasingly come alive in fresh and new ways for pulpit and pew. Distinctives of an IBC Conference include:

- **Developing contextual frameworks**, not only the communication of fascinating facts.
- **Integrated contextual exegesis** that weaves together the cultural, historical, literary, geographical and visual context of passages to reveal/discern the original meaning and the intended transformational power of the passage.
- **A learning paradigm** that allows us to step outside of our 21st century Western mindset to hear, think and understand God's Word as people in the Bible did.
- **Equipping** people with tools, frameworks and resources to engage the Scriptures in truly refreshing ways.
- **Renewing the mind and transforming the heart** as people discover the original meaning and purpose of Bible passages that rekindle their excitement and enthusiasm for studying God's Word.



## About Biblical Context

For the words of Scripture to be transformational, they need to be heard and understood as the biblical writers intended them to be. The Bible writers conveyed precise meanings through their words, idioms, sites, names and images used. They assumed their audience would know what they were describing, together with its intended meaning. To more fully appreciate that meaning, a passage's context needs to be restored in order to (re)discover the transformational impact originally intended by the Holy Spirit.

**Ever wonder if there is more to a passage than you have been seeing? Would you like to re-energize your teaching, preaching and Bible study?**

**There's more, and you know it.  
Come experience it!**

- **June 12<sup>th</sup>:**\* Orientation to Biblical Context...Contextual Frameworks...Interpretive Essentials of Physical Geography... Interpretive Insights from the Intertestamental Period.
- **June 13<sup>th</sup>:**\* Jesus and the Context of Village Life (The Setting, Social Dynamics, Village Mindset and more)...Jesus the Rabbi, Remez: A Rabbinic Communication Technique and Powerful Interpretive Tool... Jesus the Discipled...and more.
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>:**\* Putting Contextual Tools to Work: Jesus the Story Teller... "Familiar" Passages... Jesus Encounters People: The Rest of Those Stories...Where to From Here? - Vetted Resources, Follow-On Tutorials...and more.

**Distinctives of this IBC Conference:** This will be a unique opportunity for developing the contextual dynamics at work in a Near Eastern village with interpretive implications for passages, parables and encounters. Each faculty member has lived and studied in Israel, or led study programs to Israel.

**TUITION: Only \$295 if registered prior to April 12, 2017 (\$359 thereafter). Students and Seminarians \$149 prior to April 12, 2017 (\$179 thereafter).**

**REGISTER at [instituteofbiblicalcontext.com](http://instituteofbiblicalcontext.com) (limited to 500 participants).**

**Details:** Zeeland, Michigan is located between Grand Rapids and Holland. Monday dinner, Tuesday and Wednesday lunches are included. Attendees are responsible for travel, room and board expenses. IBC has arranged group rates at nearby hotels. **Conference schedule: Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. until Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**, including sessions on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

\* A detailed topical outline can be found at [instituteofbiblicalcontext.com](http://instituteofbiblicalcontext.com).