

# Learning to Hear, In order to Do

**How Hearing the Words of Jesus in their Historical Context can change How we Walk, and Transform the World.**

**Saturday- September 30, 2023 (8:30-4:30)**

We are delighted to host an incredible in-person event in **Stevens Point, WI, USA** where, together, we will dive deep into the world and words of Jesus.

We have invited Jeffrey P. Garcia PhD, a world-class scholar in Ancient Judaism and the Origins of Christianity, to spend the day teaching us about the language, history, culture, and mind-set of the First Century world in which Jesus and the disciples lived and taught. These teachings will transform your reading of the whole New Testament.

Here are just a few of topics that will be covered:

- A Brief History of the Developments of Judaism in the Years Prior to Jesus' Birth
- Reading the Gospels and Acts with First Century Lenses
- Jesus Among the Sages- His Teaching Methods and Emphasis
- The Importance of Charity in the Teaching of Jesus.
- Update on one of the most important ongoing New Testament Archeological Project- Uncovering the City of Bethsaida (Jeff and the Host are both on the project).
- Ample Time for your Questions

## **Lunch Provided (Registration Required)**

**Coffee, Tea and Refreshments Available for Morning and Afternoon Breaks**

**Special Free Event on Friday Evening (Sept. 29, 7 PM). Going Up to Jerusalem.** Understanding Pilgrimage in the First Century with a Focus on How the Gospels and Acts reveal the Importance of the Annual Feast Cycle in the Life of Jesus and His Disciples. An Evening of Teaching and Singing (Psalms of Ascent).



Dr. Garcia is the Department Chair of Biblical and Theological Studies and Associate Professor of New Testament and Second Temple Literature at Alliance University. He holds a PhD in Hebrew and Judaic Studies from New York University- His specializations are the Gospels and the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as Second Temple and Tannaitic (earliest generation of rabbis) texts. He is the author of *Understanding the Gospels as Ancient Jewish Literature* (Carta), and co-editor (w/ R. Steven Notley) of *The Gospels in First-Century Judaea* (Leiden: Brill,) and many other scholarly publications. Jeff regularly leads churches and students on tours of Israel and Turkey and lives with his family in Baldwin, NY

**Cost: Individual \$35, Students \$10**

**(Freewill offering will be taken to bless our speaker)**

**Limited Seating- Register by email Now!**

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