

## Special Interest

### The Parables House



Entrance



Kitchen



Interior

In the courtyard of the Latin Church stands a 300 year old Palestinian traditional house, occupied by a local Christian family until 1974. The entrance is claimed to be 2000 years old, with five religious symbols of that time engraved in the stone facade above the door.

Known as the "Parables House", it has rooms on two levels. The upper room for the family, is divided in two spaces by the "barns", that can be found in the gospel (Luke 12:16-21). And the lower level, to accommodate the large and smaller animals.

The house and its domestic and agricultural furnishings illustrate the context of many of the parables of Jesus and also offer an insight into how the Nativity cave at Bethlehem may have been configured.

## A Message for Peace



International Appeal  
to pray for peace  
in the Holy Land



The "Peace Lamp" initiative was launched in Taybeh in the year 2004, and it aims to reach 100.000 churches around the world, united in a single prayer for peace in the Holy Land. The promotion of this solidarity and fair trade project, directly benefits several Christian families of the village, helping them to remain in their beloved land. *(The Peace Lamp is available at the parish gift shop)*

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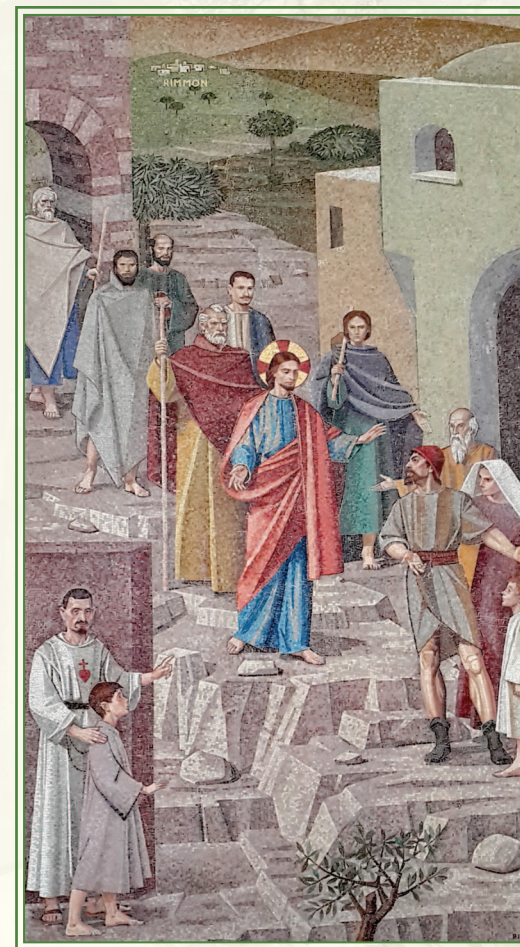
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English

# Taybeh Ephraim



*"Jesus (...) went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples."* (John 11:54)





## Welcome to Taybeh

Taybeh is a Palestinian village located in the center of the West bank, only 30 km from Jerusalem, 40 km from Nablus and 20 km from Ramallah and Jericho. From its elevated site (920m) between biblical Samaria and Judea, it overlooks the desert wilderness, the Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Dead Sea. Taybeh is one of the most ancient places in Palestine, dating back to the Bronze Age. Established by the Canaanites between 2500-2900 BC, Taybeh is mentioned in the Old Testament as Ofra (Joshua, Judges, I Samuel). It is Ephraim, the village in which Jesus chose to stay with His disciples before his Passion.

The original Church of St George, built by the Byzantines in the 5<sup>th</sup> century and rebuilt by the Crusaders in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, lie in ruins on the eastern outskirts of Taybeh, behind the Melkite church. It is called "El Khader".



## What to See



*House of Charles de Foucauld*

- ✦ The three churches (Latin, Greek Catholic and Orthodox).
- ✦ The Parables House (Latin Church).
- ✦ House and Chapel of Charles de Foucauld (Latin Church).
- ✦ Beit Afram home for elderly.
- ✦ Ruins of the Byzantine 5<sup>th</sup> century Church of St. George.
- ✦ Archeological site of "Boberiyah", Crusader Castle (Old City).
- ✦ Taybeh brewing and winery.
- ✦ The olive-press, where the "Peace Lamp", candles and olive-wood workshop is located.

## Where to Eat

- ✦ Charles de Foucauld Center. Latin Church. *(rsvp only)* Tel/fax: +972 2 289 9364
- ✦ Peter's Place Restaurant. Taybeh Old City. Tel: +972 2 289 8054
- ✦ Taybeh Zaman Restaurant. Road to Ramoon Village, right side. Tel: +972 2 289 9411

## Where to Stay



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## Christian Community



Living amidst Muslim villages, Israeli settlements and military roadblocks, Taybeh's 1.300 inhabitants are intensely proud of their Christian heritage, their folklore group and Choir. The masses follow the liturgy in Arabic language and groups are welcomed by the Parish Priest and members of the community to celebrate Holy Mass together, as well as discuss the relevant aspects of Christian's day to day life in the Holy Land. Today this 100% Christian village maintains an ecumenical spirit, even celebrating Christmas and Easter together.