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Who are the Gospel Riders?

The Gospel Riders are a group of motorcyclists who combine both the Christian faith and motorcycling. Our aim is to support our member's spiritual growth and develop their individual responsibilities and riding abilities.

The Gospel Riders motorcycle club is 30 years old and has about 900 members. There are three sister clubs one in Estonia, one in Spain and one in Jerusalem.

The club is divided into 21 different local chapters all of which develop their own activities. Once a year all members gather together for our Message of Joy Meeting (MOJ). The Gospel Riders also work together with several other motorcycle clubs in different parts of Finland.

Our club is open to anyone who is interested in motorcycling and the Christian faith.



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FINLAND TO ISRAEL 2010 GOSPEL RIDERS ROAD TOUR



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From Finland to Israel and hopefully back again

A group of Gospel Riders have decided to realise their dream and ride their motorbikes to Israel in June 2010. 22 Motorcycles and 31 people will depart from Helsinki on 8 June and return at the beginning of July. **Ari Kasurinen** and **George Drayton** will act as tour leaders.

The group intends to follow in the footsteps of Saint Paul. The journey starts in Helsinki travelling to Rostock in Germany by Finnlines ferry. From Rostock the group then travels to Nürnberg and from there to Innsbruck in Austria and then on to Lake Garda in Italy; From Ancona in Italy the group will cross the Adriatic Sea to Patras in Greece; from there the motorcycles are then transported by carrier to Haifa in Israel. The riders and their passengers will fly directly

from Athens to Tel-Aviv. After the separation the bikers and motorcycles are reunited in Haifa for 10 days of exploration in Israel.

"Our intention is to visit not only Jerusalem but also other well known parts of Israel such as Haifa, Nazareth, Galilee and the Dead Sea. The highlight of the trip will be riding through the gates of the Old City where the Jerusalem chapter of Gospel Riders will present everybody who has completed the journey from Finland to the heart of Jerusalem with a numbered "Jerusalem Pilgrim Certificate".

The group travels with an open mind and under God's protection; for many of the riders this will be the trip of a lifetime.



Jesus Way The road through Jesus

It is important that a motorcycle in traffic can be identified. The combination of letters and numbers

in a number plate tell us that the vehicle is roadworthy with all the necessary documents and insurance. In Finland the number plates are granted from the authorities after the vehicles have been inspected. If a vehicle doesn't fulfill all the necessary legal requirements the police can seize the number plate from a bike and the journey is immediately terminated. That's why every rider must keep their bike in good roadworthy condition.

When I bought my motorcycle I was thrilled to get the letters and numbers JW-777. This immediately made me think of a perfect way from

the beginning to the end. The letters JW means Jesus' Way and the numbers 777 means perfection in the Bible. So I am more than satisfied with my numberplate.

Through Jesus is the only way to God and heaven; because of his death on the cross, Jesus made the forgiveness of our sins possible. When our sins have been forgiven God has granted us an everlasting number plate.

If you ever see the patch of Gospel Riders and are interested in our beliefs, please stop us and ask more. We are always willing to talk about Jesus and our faith. Through Jesus is the road to God.

Reijo Ruotsalainen,
Gospel Riders, editor



Facts about Finland

- Inhabitants 5.3 million
- Finland is a member of the European Union
- The capital is Helsinki
- Highway network 78 141 km
- The number of motorcycles 188 000
- 79 % of inhabitants belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church



Facts about Israel

- Inhabitants 7.4 million
- Israel is the only democracy in Middle-East
- The capital is Jerusalem
- 76 % of inhabitants are Jewish