

This could be that very same olive tree.



Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem.

It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus spent his last free hours. Today, carbon dating shows that many of the olive trees that grow here are older than 1900 years. The olive trees live now as they did then. This is what it really means to be part of history: 2000 years of growth.

What better way to celebrate the Year 2000 than to observe the beginning of Christian time? Catholics from all over the world come to Gethsemane to honor their history and touch the essential spirit of the place. You may attend mass in the Church of All Nations where scenes of Jesus' life are depicted in moving and inspired art. Nearby, you may visit Mary's tomb, then walk in Jesus' path on the Via Dolorosa. The great restaurants, hotels and resorts of Jerusalem provide a perfect home base for your unforgettable vacation.

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