

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: My Last Weekend in Israel: A Pilgrimage

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On the last weekend of a semester-long study abroad in Israel, Robbie Maakestad sets out on a road trip with three friends. Their journey takes them through the West Bank to Galilee where the group gets lost, visits various archaeological sites, and encounters the inhabitants of a small Arab town. Through these adventures, the protagonist reflects on Biblical and cultural significance as his faith is simultaneously strengthened and challenged, ultimately leading him to a clearer understanding of himself and his own beliefs.