

The Stones Cry Out: The Story of Palestinian Christians

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwRaWhX rd4>

INTRODUCTION:

Media coverage of the conflict in Palestine usually frames it as a fight between Muslims and Jews. It ignores the fact that Palestine was the birthplace of Christianity, that Palestinians are both Muslims and Christians, and that Palestinian Christians have played a critical role in their land's history and the struggle to maintain its identity. This 55-minute film, although made in 2013, is not out of date. It tells a clear and helpful historical and contemporary story about the Palestinian Christians – in their own voices. The film's website is an excellent source of further information:

<https://thestonescryoutmovie.com/>.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

- What thoughts or emotions did this movie evoke for you?
- Was there a person or scene that particularly struck you or spoke to you?
- How did the movie change your perceptions of Christianity in “the Holy Land”?

QUOTATIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- ◆ “One alone cannot have peace.” – Michel Sabbah, Patriarch Emeritus of Jerusalem
- ◆ “Palestine is losing its pluralistic flavour.” [Muslims, Jews, Christians together] – Hanan Ashwari
- ◆ “Christians love to sing about the ‘little town of Bethlehem,’ yet most of the Christians were silent when Bethlehem was under siege.” – Rev. Dr. Mitri Rehab
- ◆ “Don't come here to run where Jesus walked; come to meet the living stones.” – Mitri Raheb.