

Crossing the Jordan - Joshua 3:1-4:24

Topics: Direction, Evidence, Guidance, Impossible, Leadership, Miracles, Nature, Obedience, Power, Protection, Remembering, Traditions

Open It

1. What are some specific events or reasons for which we build or establish memorials today?
2. Why do you think family traditions are important to many people?
- * 3. What are some of your special family traditions?

Explore It

4. What is the setting of this story? (3:1)
5. What specific instructions did the officers give to the people regarding their journey? (3:3-4)
6. Why was it necessary for the Israelite people to consecrate themselves? (3:5)
7. For what reason did God choose to praise Joshua in the eyes of the Israelites? (3:7)
- * 8. How were the Israelites to know that God was with them and would drive out their enemies from the land of Canaan? (3:10-13)
9. In what season do the events of this story take place, and why is this significant? (3:15)
10. What happened when the priests who were carrying the ark reached the Jordan River? (3:15-16)
11. Why did the Lord tell Joshua to choose twelve men from among the Israelites? (4:2-3)
12. Why were stones taken from the Jordan riverbed? (4:6-7)
- * 13. How did the people of Israel respond to the miracle God performed on their behalf? (4:14)
14. What specific tradition did Joshua instruct the Israelites to initiate? (4:21-22)
- * 15. According to Joshua, for what two reasons did God perform this miracle? (4:24)

Get It

16. What is important about this story?
17. Why did God make Joshua great in the eyes of Israel?
- * 18. What does this passage teach you about the reason God works through believers?
19. How do you think the Israelites felt when they saw the waters of the Jordan stop flowing?
20. In what ways do you see God's hand at work in nature today?
21. What should be our response to the power we see in nature every day?
22. How does God show us today that He is with us?
23. What is one amazing thing that God has done for you recently?
24. Why do you think God instructed Joshua to set up a physical reminder of the miracle He performed?
- * 25. What are some tangible things that remind you of what God means to you or what He has done for you?

Apply It

26. What steps can you take to demonstrate thankfulness to the Lord for His presence with you?
- * 27. What memorial or sign could you set up to remind yourself of God's work in your life?
28. What is one specific way God has used you or helped you recently that you could share with a friend to encourage him or her?