

Joshua Chapter 4 – April 13-18

Monday - Day One

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

The Lord to Joshua: “Get those rocks!” – Read Joshua 4:1-3

- When does verse 1 indicate that Joshua received the command to get rocks?
- Where will the people get the rocks, and where they supposed to place them? (vs. 3)
- In Chapter 3:12 twelve men were chosen. Who did the choosing? In Chapter 4:2, the command is repeated or restated and the 12 men are given a mission by Joshua: to carry rocks. What can you learn from the way God is commanding and organizing things? See 1 Corinthians 14:40.
- Further Reading: Deuteronomy 27:2-8 – Moses also talked about rocks being set up across the Jordan. Where would those rocks be erected? (vs. 4)

Pray that God would make your heart ready to follow His instructions completely.

Tuesday - Day Two

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

Joshua to the Twelve: “Get those rocks!” – Read Joshua 4:4-7

- What do you think the 12 men thought they were being chosen for when Joshua picked them just before entering enemy territory?
- How do you think they felt when they found out they were going to be carrying rocks?
- What was the real task the men were asked to perform, besides carrying the rocks? (vs 6-7)
- Why do you think the priests stayed in the middle of the river after all the nation passed through the river? Wouldn't it be natural to get out as soon as all of the nation passed through? What did they do instead? (vs. 5, 10, 15-18)
- These stones, how big were they? (vs. 5) They were not small stones, but probably as big as one man could carry. Why were they so big? Look at www.gotquestions.org/high-places.html to see what high places or altars were in the Bible.
- What value was it to make a memorial to God's faithfulness? (vs. 7) What type of memorials do we have today? Have you made any memorials telling of God's faithfulness?
- Further Reading: Exodus 17:8-16 – What other memorial had Joshua been a witness to? (vs. 14-15)

Pray that you would trust God's directions and that you would be patient when waiting for Him to direct you further.

Wednesday - Day Three

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

The Twelve Get the Rocks; Joshua Sets Them Up – Read Joshua 4:8-9

- Where did the 12 men put the twelve stones that came out of the midst of the Jordan? (vs 8)
- Verse 8 is a declaration of fact: they obeyed. What is a command of God that you have had to obey?
- Where did Joshua set up his twelve stones that he picked up? (vs 9)
- Verse 9 says that Joshua's stones of remembrance were still there when the book of Joshua was written. No one knows where those rocks are today. Why is that? Hint: this also relates to Joshua 1:8.

Pray that you will be faithful to obey God and remember God where you live.

Thursday - Day Four

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

Crossing the Jordan: Episode 1 – Read Joshua 4:10-14

- How fast did the people cross the Jordan? (vs. 10)
- When did the Priests get to finish crossing the Jordan? (vs. 10-11)
- Why did the men from Rueben, Gad and Manasseh cross the Jordan before the others? (vs 12-13)
- Further Reading: Numbers 26:7, 18, 34. The population of males 20 years of age or older in the tribes of Rueben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh totaled 136,930. The 40,000 soldiers they sent represented 29% of their male population or just less than 1 out of every 3 adult males.
- Moses is referenced three times in this passage, in verse 10, verse 12 and again in verse 14. What do you see as significant about this?
- Why do you think that God waited to exalt Joshua until after they crossed the Jordan? (vs. 14) Was this proof of God's power like when the children of Israel crossed the sea? Look back on Joshua 3:7.

Pray today that you will be wise and see God's tests of obedience when following the instructions of others.

Friday - Day Five

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

Crossing the Jordan: Episode 2 – Read Joshua 4:15-18

- We seem to jump back in the story, beginning in verse 15. This is typical in this kind of ancient narrative. What does God want to emphasize by telling this part of the story in more detail?
- The priests came out of the dry riverbed to the dry riverbank. What happened when the soles of their feet reached the dry ground of the river bank? (vs. 18)
- Further Reading: Exodus 25:10-22, Hebrews 9:4. Had something gone wrong while crossing the Jordan, losing the Ark of the Covenant would have been devastating! Not only for its valuable contents, but primarily because above the mercy seat, between the two Cherubim is where God's presence manifested and He met with the High Priest on the Day of Atonement.

Pray today God would let you experience the blessings that come from obedience.

Saturday - Day Six

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

"That All Might Know the Hand of the Lord is Powerful!" – Read Joshua 4:19-24

- Further Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-12 – Who was supposed to teach the children? The tenth day of the first month would have been around March/April. The Israelites first lodging place was at Gilgal, about 1.25 miles from Jericho.
- What does the word "Gilgal" in verse 19 mean? Use <http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/gilgal/> if it helps.
- Who set up the stones that were collected by the 12 men? (vs. 20)
- What is the one sentence teaching that fathers were to tell their sons? (vs 21-22)
- The crossing of the Jordan is important for many reasons beyond just getting across. Verse 23 gives a clue as to why this was significant for the people. What is that reason?
- What does verse 24 say that you are to know and do from this story?
- Do you take time or have a way to remember what God has done for you? More importantly, do you look for opportunities to tell people what God has done for you?

Pray today that God's mighty hand would shape your life and that you would value Him above all else.