

Timeline of Truth – Joshua Sets Up a Memorial of What God Has Done (Joshua 4)

<p>Joshua 4:1-3 And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: ² "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, ³ "and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.' "</p>	<p>1. God Commands Men to _____ Stones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This happens after everyone crosses over the Jordan 2. 12 men are selected – one from each tribe 3. They are to each take a stone <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Out of the midst of the Jordan ii. From where the priests were standing iii. They are to carry them to their lodging place for the night.
<p>⁴ Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; ⁵ and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, ⁶ "that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones <i>mean</i> to you?' ⁷ "Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."</p>	<p>2. Joshua Explains the _____ of the Stones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joshua tells the men what God has commanded 2. Joshua explains that the stones will be a sign <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. It will be seen among them – obvious ii. It will be for future generations 3. The sign will answer a question <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What do these stones mean to you? ii. It is to remind them that God cut off the waters of the Jordan – when the ark went before them 4. The sign will be a memorial <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. זָכָרוֹן, zakaron - memorial, remembrance ii. It shall be forever
<p>⁸ And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. ⁹ Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.</p>	<p>3. Joshua _____ the Stones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The children of Israel obeyed Joshua. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. They took the stones out of the Jordan ii. They laid them down in the camp 2. Joshua sets up an additional twelve stones <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. In the midst of the Jordan ii. At the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark stood iii. It remains there to this day? iv. Was this commanded by God?
<p>¹⁰ So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over. ¹¹ Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people. ¹² And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. ¹³ About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho.</p>	<p>4. The People _____ Crossing the Jordan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The priests stayed in the Jordan until everyone had crossed 2. The people hurried across (hurried –piel) 3. After all the people crossed – the priests finished crossing 4. The men from the eastern tribes also crossed over 40,000 – armed men crossed over.
<p>¹⁴ On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.</p>	<p>5. God _____ Joshua</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the sight of all Israel 2. They feared him - as they feared Moses 3. All the days of Joshua's life <p>Joshua 3:7 ⁷ And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.</p>

<p>¹⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, ¹⁶ "Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan." ¹⁷ Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan." ¹⁸ And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, <i>and</i> the soles of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before.</p>	<p>6. God _____ the Jordan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joshua commands the priests to come out of the Jordan 2. The water returned to normal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. As soon as the priest came out of the Jordan ii. As soon as their feet touched the dry land iii. The river overflowed its banks as before
<p>¹⁹ Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth <i>day</i> of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. ²⁰ And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.</p>	<p>7. The _____ of the Crossing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month 2. They camped in Gilgal – East border of the Jordan 3. Joshua set up the other 12 stones at their camp
<p>²¹ Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What <i>are</i> these stones?' ²² "then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; ²³ "for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, ²⁴ "that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it <i>is</i> mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."</p>	<p>8. Joshua Explains the _____ of the Stones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They will be asked why the stones are here 2. Joshua gives them an answer: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Israel crossed over on dry land ii. God dried up the waters of the Jordan iii. Just like He dried up the Red Sea iv. So that all the people may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty v. That Israel may fear the Lord forever

Takeaways:

What Does God Command as Memorials?

Old Testament:

1. Feasts (Ex. 12:14; 13:9; Lev.23:24; Num. 10:10)
2. Accounts of Battles (Ex.17:14)
3. The stones on the Ephod (Ex. 28:12; 39:7)
4. The names of the sons of Israel on the Ephod (Ex.28:29)
5. The atonement money (Ex. 30:16)
6. Offerings (Num. 5:15, 18)
7. Bronze Censors (Num. 17:5)
8. Spoils fro Battles (Num. 31:54)
9. Book (Mal. 3:16)

New Testament:

1. The woman who anointed Jesus
Matthew 26:10-13 ¹⁰ But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. ¹¹ "For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. ¹² "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial. ¹³ "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."
2. Cornelius' prayers and alms
Acts 10:3-4 ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" ⁴ And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.
3. The Lord's Supper
Luke 22:19 ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
(1 Cor. 11:24-25)

