

# **CROSSING JORDAN**

## **Joshua 3-4**

**Consider how God wonderfully leads His people**

### **I. THE CROSSING (3:14-17)**

#### **A. THE DETAILS**

1. The people packed up (14a)
2. The priests lifted up (14b-15)
3. The waters heaped up (16a)
4. Israel moves up (16b-17)

#### **B. THE DIVINE**

- Certainly a supernatural miraculous event here.
1. The prediction (13)
  2. The timing (15)
  3. The flood stage (15b)
  4. The wide path (16)
  5. The dry river bottom (17a)
  6. Waters held for hours (17b)
  7. The river returned as soon as the priests step out (4:18)

#### **C. THE DEAL**

1. What did it take to get there?
2. Everyone wants an event like this ... how did it happen?
3. ***Before the path came the preparation***

### **II. THE PREPARATION (3:1-13)**

#### **A. OBEDIENCE (3:1-5)**

1. Move (3:1)
2. Focus (3:2-4)
  - a. Without impatience (2)
  - b. Watch and follow the ark (3)
  - c. Stay back 3,000 feet (4)
3. Sanctify (5)
  - Spiritual preparation was necessary

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**B. FAITH (3:6-13)**

1. Faith in God's personnel (6-9)
2. Faith in God's power (10)
3. Faith in God's promise (13)

**C. OBSERVATION**

- Obedience and faith are required for river crossings!

**III. THE MEMORIAL (4:1-24)****A. A VISUAL REMINDER (1-9, 19-24)**

1. Twelve stones: The twelve stones memorial
- 2 Teaching stones (6-7 and 19-23)
3. Telling stones (24)

**B. A VERBAL REVIEW (10-14 and 5:1)**

1. People crossed (10)
2. God honored (11)
3. Joshua exalted (14)
4. Canaanites terrified (5:1)

**C. THE VALUE OF REFLECTION****CONCLUSION:**

**Israel crossed Jordon ....**

*- And you too can watch God work to overcome obstacles*

**God's people ...**

**- Prepared (3:1-13)**

**- Proceeded (3:14-17)**

**- Pondered (4:1-24)**

**Might we do the same!**