

Crossing the Jordan  
Lesson 2  
Joshua 3-5:12

After their defeat of Sihon & Og, Israel camped at Shittim across the Jordan River from Jericho. Once they received the information from the spies, the Israelites moved as close to the river as possible so no time would be wasted on the day of crossing.

**Crossing the Jordan - 3:1-17**

1. Three days after setting up camp, what were the officers' orders to the people? (Joshua 3:3, 4)
  
2. Why did the Ark go first? (Numbers 10:33-36 & 14:44)
  
3. Why do you think a distance was to be kept between the people and the Ark?
  
4. Joshua gave instructions to consecrate themselves because the next day the LORD would do amazing things. (*To consecrate means to set apart as holy.*) What did God require to be consecrated? (Exodus 19:14, 15)
  
5. Why do you think it would have been important to consecrate themselves at this time?
  
6. In verse 6, "Joshua said to the priests, take up the Ark of the Covenant and pass on ahead of the people." What was the LORD going to do? (Numbers 4:5, 15, 17-20)
  
7. What was God's promise to Joshua in verse 7?

8. Did God keep that promise? (Joshua 4:14)
  
9. What were God's instructions to the Priests? (Joshua 3:8)
  
10. What did Joshua tell the people? (Joshua 3:9 - 11)
  
11. God required the priests to do something before He acted, what was it? (Joshua 3:13)
  
12. Why do you think God did that?
  
13. Describe what happened next. (Joshua 3:14-17)

**Crossing Continued - 4:1-5:1**

14. In 3:12, Joshua was told to choose 12 men. From 4:1-5 what were these men to do?
  - Why? (Joshua 4:7, 8)
  
15. Explain what the priests did during the crossing. (Joshua 4:10, 11)
  
16. How many Transjordan warriors crossed over? (Joshua 4:12, 13)

17. In your own words, describe the dramatic end to this event. (Joshua 4:15-18)

18. When did this take place? (Joshua 4:19)

19. Where did Joshua set up the 12 stones? (Joshua 4:20)

- Why (Joshua 4:24)

20. What were two results of this crossing? (4:14 & 5:1)

**Gilgal - 5:2-12**

21. What was God's first command to Joshua upon entering the Promised Land? (Joshua 5:2)

22. What was the significance of this? (Genesis 17:10-13)

23. Why was it important that this be done? (Genesis 17:14)

24. According to Joshua 5:4-7, why had this not been done before?

25. What did God say this act of obedience did? (Joshua 5:9) Please comment.
26. God's timing is incredible; at this time it was the 14th day of the 1st month. The men had been resting for several days when God called for a celebration. What was it and what was so special about this celebration? (Joshua 5:10, 11)
- When was the first one? (Exodus 12: 1-11)
27. What happened on that day following the celebration? (Joshua 5:12)