

The Battle at Jericho
Lesson 3
Joshua 5:13-6

Four days after crossing the Jordan River, Joshua led Israel in celebrating the Feast of Passover. Now that Israel was in Canaan, their wilderness days were finally over. The freedom and deliverance which began with the 1st Passover was now complete and the manna, God's provision to sustain Israel for a generation, would now stop. With the first Promised Land city in view, Joshua went on a lone reconnaissance mission to check out the city of Jericho.

Jericho - 5:13-6:26

1. Joshua, thinking he was the only warrior out, looked up and saw another warrior standing in his path with sword drawn. What was Joshua's reaction? (Joshua 5:13)
2. What was the other warriors response to Joshua? (Joshua 5:14a)
3. Having learned the identity of the warrior, what did Joshua do? (Joshua 5:14b)
4. The commander said to, "*Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing is holy.*" What do you think he meant?
5. Please record who else had an experience like this, where it was and what happened there.
 - Genesis 32:22-32
 - Exodus 3:1 - 4:17
6. What was Joshua's immediate response? (Joshua 5:15)

7. How was the city of Jericho described in 6:1?
8. Joshua had asked for the LORD's message. What was it? (Joshua 6:2)
9. What was God's strategy? (Joshua 6: 3-5)
10. Joshua went back and gave the order to the people to "advance". The people began marching with the "armed guard" going ahead. (Joshua 6:6, 7) This was one portion of Scripture we cannot be 100% sure of, but who might this armed guard be? (Joshua 4:12, 13)
11. Describe the marching order. (Joshua 6:7-9)
12. Who had God designated to be the rear guard? (Numbers 10:25)
13. Imagine yourself shut up inside Jericho. Describe how the people of Jericho might be feeling and what they would hear for six days?
14. When the seventh day arrived, using verses 15 and 16, describe the sights and sounds.

15. What other instructions had God given Joshua? (Joshua 6:17-19)

16. How was this different from the other cities they had captured? (Numbers 31:25-27)

17. Describe how this battle went? (Joshua 6:20)

18. The city was to be "*devoted to the Lord*". What did that mean according to verses 21 and 24?

19. What about the oath that was sworn to Rahab? (Joshua 6:22-25)

20. Following the battle, Joshua pronounced an oath on Jericho. Summarize that oath in your own words. (Joshua 6:26)