

# BIBLE BOWL -2016

Lesson #2 –Crossing Jordan

Scripture Text: Joshua 3-4

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Introduction:

1. The conquest of Canaan has been a long time in coming. Israel is now here and ready for the Promised Land!
2. It is important to remember the victories of the past as we face the battles of the future.
3. In this lesson we will examine the crossing the Jordan and the memorial stones

## **I. PARTING THE JORDAN**

### **A. INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN**

1. They were to have a space between them and the Ark of the Covenant of 2000 cubits
  - a. 3,000 ft.
  - b. Little over ½ mile or 10 football fields
2. They were to sanctify themselves –Possible reference to Exodus 19:10-14
3. The priest were to set foot in the water first

### **B. PURPOSE**

1. Exalt Joshua in the eyes of the people –vs. 7
2. Prove that God was with them and would drive out their enemies –vs. 10

### **C. RESOLVE/RESULT**

1. The Jordan overflowed its banks at the time of harvest
2. The waters were stopped at Adam –vs. 16

### **D. APPLICATION**

1. God wants His people to believe in Him
2. He always provides proof

## **II. MEMORIAL STONES –Ch. 4**

### **A. INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN**

1. One man per tribe was to remove a stone from the Jordan –vs. 2-3
2. They were to build a memorial from these stones –vs. 4-7

### **B. PURPOSE**

1. This was to remind them of God's power and presence with them.
2. This was also to teach future generations of the events that transpired here.

### **C. APPLICATION**

1. Memorials remind us today (E.g. the Lord's Supper)
2. Memorials provide us a teaching tool for future generations  
(Children are always curious; we should be prepared to answer them)

Conclusion:

1. God is with His people today
2. He has given us everything needed throughout His word