

## **Crossing the Jordan Joshua 3:1-5:12**

### **I. A New Beginning – 3:1-6**

1. Camping by the River – 1  
Joshua led the people to the River  
They camped at the side of the river  
Waiting for 3 days for God's directions
2. Directions were given – 2-3  
Leaders went through the host  
Giving directions to the people  
When you see the ark carried by priests  
Time to go and follow the ark of God
3. Follow with a sense of awe – 4-5  
Ark represented God's presence – follow Him  
Keep a space between you & the Ark  
About 2,000 cubits - Don't get near the ark  
Follow God– you have never been this way  
before  
Sanctify - set yourself apart unto God  
You will see God do wonders among you
4. Priests are to lead the people – 6  
They are to carry the Ark

### **II. A New Sign from God – 3:7-17**

1. Affirming Joshua's leadership - 7  
As God was with Moses at the Red Sea  
So He will be with Joshua at the Jordan
2. Assuring Israel of victory – 8-12  
Ark of God carried into brink of the water  
Miracle will assure them of victory – 9-11  
The Living God is in your midst  
He will drive out your enemies & give victory  
Select 12 men from tribes as witnesses – 12
3. Miracle is described in promise – 13  
When priest's sole touch the water – 13  
Priests lead with a step of faith  
Jordan River will be dammed up  
Waters cut off & stand in a heap
4. God does what He promised – 14-17  
It happened just as God said  
When the people got out of their tents  
They saw priests with the Ark of the Covenant  
As Priest's stepped into water river stopped  
River was at flood stage overflowing its banks  
People passed over right near Jericho  
And they passed over on "dry" ground

### **III. A New Memorial – 4:1-24**

1. Remembering God's Power – 4:1  
Crossing the river marked a new beginning  
Entrance into the land a sign of God's power  
As under Moses at the Red Sea  
So under Joshua at the Jordan River  
Fulfilled promises reveal God's power
2. 12 men to gather stones – 2-5

- Stones to be taken from the river – 3  
Carried over to where Israel would camp
3. Stones are to be a memorial – 6-10  
A sign to be used to teach their children  
Stones carried to where they camped – 8  
Joshua set up 12 stones in the river – 9  
Priests remain in the river till all finished - 10
4. River returns to flood-stage – 11-18  
After all the people were passed over  
Including 40,000 men from 2 ½ tribes – 12-13  
God used this to affirm Joshua – 14  
As His leader over people of Israel  
Priests told to come out of the river - 15-17  
River returns flowing over its banks – 18
5. Israel sets up camp in Gilgal – 19-24  
Joshua sets up memorial with 12 stones  
This is the sign of Israel's new beginning

### **IV. A New Consecration – 5:1-12**

1. God has paralyzed the enemy – 1  
His power melted their hearts
2. God's people renew the sign – 2-9  
Circumcision was sign of God's covenant  
New generation of males not circumcised  
Those born during journey in wilderness – 5  
Rested in camp till they were healed – 8  
God rolled away the reproach of Egypt – 9
3. Israel celebrates the Passover - 10  
Deliverance includes bringing them in
4. God gives them a new provision – 11-12  
They begin enjoying the good of the land  
The daily manna ceased at that time