

One in a Million Bible Study  
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How to cross the Jordan:

-Act Immediately (Early in the morning)

Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. **2** After three days the officers went throughout the camp, **3** giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. **4** Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it."

-Acknowledge God's Presence (When you see the ark of the covenant)

-Anticipate God's Miracles (God will do amazing things among you)

**5** Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

-Activate your Faith (When their feet touched the water's edge)

**14** So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. **15** Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, **16** the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite

Jericho. **17** The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

-Build a Memorial (and those 12 stones, Joshua set up at Gilgal)

Joshua 4:1 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, **2** "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, **3** and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

**8** And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. **9** Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

**17** So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan." **18** And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before. **19** Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. **20** And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

**21** Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What *are* these stones?' **22** then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; **23** for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, **24** that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it *is* mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever."

Ps. 66:12 we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

Praising God for what HE has done! See you for MORE in September!