

# **A Memorial**

## **Joshua 4**

Text: Joshua 4:7

(Joshua 4:7) "Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever."

Introduction:

Every God ordained memorial is one of great significance.

### **1. How These Memorials Were Raised**

#### **A. By Prepared Men (v.4)**

(Joshua 4:4) "Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:"

##### **1. Personal preparation is needed**

#### **B. By Representative Men (v.2)**

(Joshua 4:2) "Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,"

1. It is a blessing to be chosen of God to represent Him before the people

**Illustration:** Privileged men will be burdened ones, but the burden of the Lord is not burdensome. (Matthew 11:20)

## **2. Where These Memorials Rested**

### **A. In The Midst Of Jordan**

1. The very spot where the Ark Of The Covenant rested (Joshua 4:19)

(Joshua 4:19) "And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho."

2. See Exodus 12:2-3

(Exodus 12:2-3) "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. {3} Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:"

(Picture of Christ who died and rose again)

### **B. In The Lodging Place Of Gilgal**

1. Gilgal means the place of rolling

C. The First Memorial Speaks of Deliverance  
The Second Speaks of Rest and Possession

**3. What These Memorials Represent**

These Stones Declare :

A. Mercy of God (v.23)..... God dried up the waters

(Joshua 4:23) "For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:"

B. Faithfulness of God (v.10)... Everything was finished

(Joshua 4:10) "For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over."

C. Grace of God (v.18)

(Joshua 4:18) "And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before."

As long as the priest stood in Jordan the way stood open, but when the priest came out the waters returned and overflowed.

1. The day of grace will one day be gone as well

D. Love of God (v. 22)..... Let your children know

(Joshua 4:22) "Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land."

E. Power of God (v.24)..... That all the earth may know

(Joshua 4:24) "That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever."