



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Joshua 4:14-24 Discussion Questions

Choose 1 or more Questions from each of the five below.

1. The LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of Israel, and the people stood in awe of him just as they had stood in awe of Moses (Joshua 4:14).

How did the crossing of the Jordan confirm that the LORD had chosen Joshua to lead His people?

Why should a faithful spiritual leader seek to obey and honor God rather than seek personal recognition?

How can we show proper respect for godly leaders while remembering that all glory and ultimate authority belong to God?

2. At the LORD's command, the priests carrying the ark came up from the Jordan, and the river immediately returned to its overflowing banks (Joshua 4:15-18).

How did the priests demonstrate "the obedience of faith" from the moment they entered the Jordan until they came out?

Why was it important for the priests to remain in the river until the LORD, through Joshua, commanded them to leave?

What does their example teach us about trusting God's timing and faithfully completing what He has called us to do?

3. Joshua set up twelve stones at Gilgal so future children would ask, "What do these stones mean?" (Joshua 4:19-22).

Why did God want Israel to preserve a visible reminder of the day He brought them across the Jordan?

How can a child's sincere question give parents, grandparents, or teachers an opportunity to tell what God has done?

What are some meaningful ways families and churches can help the next generation remember God's faithfulness?

4. The LORD dried up the Jordan just as He had dried up the Red Sea for an earlier generation (Joshua 4:23).

What do the crossings of the Red Sea and the Jordan reveal about God's power and unchanging faithfulness?

How can remembering God's fulfilled promises in the Bible strengthen our faith in His promises today?

Why is it helpful to remember how God has led us in the past when we face a new obstacle or responsibility?

5. God acted so all the peoples of the earth would know that His hand is mighty and so His people would fear Him forever (Joshua 4:24).

How did God's miracle at the Jordan serve a purpose beyond meeting Israel's immediate need?

What does it mean to fear the LORD, and how should reverence for Him shape our faith and obedience?

How can Christians practice "the obedience of faith" in ways that help others see the grace, power, and faithfulness of Jesus Christ? Today? This Week?