

BACKGROUND

The crossing of the Jordan River is a pivotal moment for Israel, echoing the crossing of the Red Sea. This miraculous event underscores God's power and faithfulness, serving as a tangible reminder of His promises. The twelve stone memorials erected after the crossing testify to God's enduring faithfulness, pointing forward to the ultimate memorial of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.

STUDY QUESTIONS

Read Joshua 3:1-4:24

1. What instructions does Joshua give to the people before crossing the Jordan?

2. How does the crossing of the Jordan compare to the crossing of the Red Sea?

3. What role do the priests and the Ark of the Covenant play in this event?

4. Why are the twelve stone memorials significant, and what do they represent?

5. How does this event reinforce the importance of remembering God's faithfulness?

6. What impact does the crossing of the Jordan have on the surrounding nations?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How can we remember and celebrate God's faithfulness in our own lives? What "memorials" can we create to remind us of God's work in our lives?

2. Why should we trust in God's power despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles?

3. How can we lead others to recognize and remember God's faithfulness?

4. How can the story of the Jordan crossing encourage us in our faith journey?