



Crossing the Jordan Changes Everything

A passport identifies who you are, where you've been, and what country your citizenship is in. Most importantly, it's needed to get where you're going. During this series, we will look at different places in the bible and learn from them. Today we will learn how crossing the Jordan could change everything for you. Where are you going?

Series Scripture: Put your hope in the Lord.

Travel steadily along His path. Psalm 37:34a

In Numbers 22, Moses and Israel camped by the Jordan River across from Jericho but never attempted to cross over. The 12 spies said you we can't do it; the giants are too big.

Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. Joshua 1:2

**Gone is everyone who said you couldn't do what God said.
Cross over.**

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Joshua 1:7

Israel had missed the promises because of fear.

Crossing Over Requires COURAGE

They did not trust the Lord nor His promises.

They wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and died.

Caleb & Joshua had courage and so entered into the promises.

"Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

Every Crossing Requires a CLEANSING

They camped before crossing.

Sometimes crossing over means waiting for God's timing.

Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp, ³ giving these instructions to the people: "When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, move out from your positions and follow them." Joshua 3:2-3

Obey the Lord's instruction and follow His presence.

Look, the Ark of the Covenant, which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth, will lead you across the Jordan River! Joshua 3:11

The priests will carry the Ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth. As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall." ¹⁴ So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. Joshua 3:13-14

They crossed the Jordan River on Dry Ground.

Every Move of God Requires a CROSSING OVER

To grab God's promises we can't stay where we are!

They crossed over by bringing the presence of God, the Ark of the covenant into the water. They led with their covenant and the presence of God which opened a way to cross over into the promised land.

Jesus also had to cross over through the Jordan.

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to talk Him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" Matthew 3:13-14

Why the Jordan? It's where we cross over into God's plan.

But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize Him. Matthew 3:15

If baptism was required for Jesus, what about you?

After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." Matthew 3:16-17

**Jesus enters into the waters of baptism,
but the water doesn't part; the heavens do!**

At that moment we crossed over into the promised land!

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:4

**At salvation, we cross over into God's Kingdom & Heaven.
In baptism we cross over to new life HERE!**

When Noah was in the Ark is God judged the world with water and he destroyed the Earth, and the Earth was cleansed. Jesus is taking the judgment of the world upon Him in the water and upon the cross.

Summary: Every Move of God requires a CROSSING and a CLEANSING

**Cross over today. Make a covenant, be cleansed.
Cross over today. Cross into destiny**

**Cross over today. Cross over into His promises.
Cross over today. Change everything.**

My Next Steps Today:

- ☐ Follow Jesus by Signing Up to Serve
- ☐ Come to Beach Baptism & Picnic (TODAY)

Tithes & Offerings

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them...Matthew 28:19

Your giving makes disciples and builds God's Church.

**Come Back Next Week for:
Where are We Going as a Church?**

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