

WHY

QUESTIONS THAT DESERVE ANSWERS

PART 4

“WHY... MEMORIALS MATTER”

“The Crossing of the Jordan: What Do These Stones Mean?”

(Joshua 4:19-24)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER CONTEXT: (JOSHUA 1-6)

1. The _____ of Joshua (1:1-18)

*“...**Moses My servant is dead**; now therefore **arise, cross this Jordan**, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. **...Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you**; I will not fail you or forsake you.”*

—Joshua 1:1, 2, 5b

*“Have I not commanded you? Be **strong** and **courageous**! Do not tremble or be dismayed, **for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**”*

—Joshua 1:9

2. The _____ of Jericho (2:1-24)

*“Then Joshua the son of Nun **sent two men as spies secretly** from Shittim, saying, ‘Go, view the land, **especially Jericho.**”*

—Joshua 2:1a

3. The _____ outside of Jericho (5:1-15)

*“While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal **they observed the Passover** on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho.”*

—Joshua 5:10

4. The _____ of Jericho (6:1-27)

*“...and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great shout **and the wall fell down flat...**”*

—Joshua 6:20

*“**So the LORD was with Joshua**, and his fame was in all the land.”*

—Joshua 6:27

THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT: (JOSHUA 3-4)

1. The _____ : (3:1-13)

"Then Joshua said to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

—Joshua 3:5

2. The _____ : (3:14-17)

"So the people crossed opposite Jericho.¹⁷ And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

—Joshua 3:16b-17

3. The _____ : (4:1-24)

"Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan,... these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever."

—Joshua 4:3-7

THE MEANING OF THE MEMORIAL: (JOSHUA 4:19-24)

1A. THE _____ IT WILL _____ : (4:21)

"He said to the sons of Israel, 'When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, "What are these stones?"'"

2A. THE _____ YOU WILL _____ : (4:22-23)

"...then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed."

3A. THE _____ YOU WILL _____ : (4:24)

"...that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

1B. For the nations: _____ His _____ !

2B. For succeeding generations: _____ for His _____ !

CONCLUSION:

- The greatest enemy of faith is _____ .