

Joshua 4:4-7

Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; ⁵ and Joshua said to them:
"Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,

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⁶ that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' ⁷ Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."

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¹⁹ Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. ²⁰ And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. ²¹ Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?'

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²² then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; ²³ for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, ²⁴ that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever."

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Spiritual Markers

- Remember what the Lord has done!
- “When your children ask their fathers in time to come...” – Verse 21

Spiritual Markers

- Remember what the Lord has done!
- Corporately
- Individually

Joshua 5:9

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you."
Therefore, the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

"Gilgal" – to roll away

"Reproach" – reproach, scorn, shame, disgrace.

Spiritual Markers

- Remember what the Lord has done!
- Where the Lord rolled away our reproach

John 8:36

Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

On the cross Jesus rolled away the reproach of sin!

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Rolling Away our Reproach

- “Washed” – to wash fully or wash away
- “Sanctified” - to purify internally by renewing of the soul
- “Justified” - to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be

"At the Cross" – By Isaac Watts

At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

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- A place to remember what the Lord has done
- A place where our reproach was rolled away
- A place to start taking the land

Parallel Journeys

- Out of Egypt – Salvation
- Red Sea – Baptism
- Wilderness – Sanctification
- Jordan River – Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Promised Land – The Great Commission

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- A place to visit over and over again to reinforce these truths in our lives!

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