

# Sermon Outline

ONE STORY ENDS (AND ANOTHER BEGINS) ... | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Joshua 3:1-17; 4:1-9 + 4:19-5:1; 5:2-12

## The story so far ...

Jos 2:24 "The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us."

### 1. Crossing the Jordan (3:1-17)

Q. What event in Israel's recent history is the crossing of the Jordan meant to remind us of?

- i. God is with Joshua and will speak through Joshua
- li. God will fight their battles for the Israelites
- iii. Even though God's presence is with His people, they're not to come too close

### 2. Remembering this day (4:1-9 + 4:19-5:1)

*Jos 4:24 He did this*

*so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful*

*and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.*

Jos 2:10 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

- **Explore** (4-530 Sundays, starting 18 August)

- memorials, monuments and mementos ...

### 3. A new beginning (5:2-12)

- the value of ceremonies ...

i. Circumcision recalls God's covenantal promises to Abraham

Gen 17:9 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. 10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

ii. The Passover recalls God's rescue of Israel from slavery in Egypt

iii. The end of the manna recalls the bigger and better story we belong to ...

#### So what, for us?

For NT believers: circumcision => baptism and Passover => the Lord's Supper

Rom 6:3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

1 Cor 5:7 ... Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed

- **Commitment Sunday** (27 October 2024)

Jos 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

What one generation believes  
the second generation assumes  
the third generation forgets  
the fourth generation denies

Ps 71:17 Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. 18 Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

**For discussion:** what memorial, monument, memento or ceremony helps **you** to remember the significance of Christ's death?