



## Sermon Notes – January 5, 2020

[#5] *Confronted with the God of Wonders*

Joshua 3:1–5:1

### Children’s Sermon: Seeing Jesus Clearly

Aslan: “Not safe but good”

**C.S. Lewis** in *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* – When Mr. Beaver tells Susan that Aslan (the ruler of Narnia) is a great lion. Susan is surprised, since she assumed Aslan was a man. She then tells Mr. Beaver, “I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion.” She asks Mr. Beaver if Aslan is safe, to which **Mr. Beaver replies**, “Safe? Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King.”

**Matthew 17:2**

<sup>2</sup> And [Jesus] was *transfigured* before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

Everyone can know Jesus is powerful, not everyone will believe he is good...



**Setting the Scene for Joshua 3:1-5:1**

(Previously in the life of Israel...)

**Notes:**

**I. The Red Sea Crossing (Ex. 14:28–31, 15:14–16)**

**II. Meeting with God Mt. Sinai**

**Exodus 19:9–16**

<sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.” When Moses told the words of the people to the Lord, <sup>10</sup> the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments <sup>11</sup> and *be ready for the third day*. For on the *third day* the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. <sup>12</sup> And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup> No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” <sup>14</sup> So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. <sup>15</sup> And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.” <sup>16</sup> *On the morning of the third day* there were thunders and lightnings and a thick

cloud on the mountain and *a very loud trumpet blast*, so that all the people in the camp trembled.

(The Immediate Context)

### III. Be Strong & Courageous for I Am with You (Joshua 1)

#### Joshua 1:10–11

<sup>10</sup> And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, <sup>11</sup> “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, *for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan* to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’ ” ...

#### IV. Two Spies & Rehab in Jericho (2)

#### V. Circumcision & Passover (Joshua 5)

#### VI. The Destruction of Jericho (Joshua 6)

### The Crossing of the Jordan (In Slow Motion)

#### *Main Point of the Jordan Crossing:*

The Living God is with Joshua & Israel.  
The Death & Resurrection of Jesus is Our  
Jordan Crossing.

#### I. This is How You will Know... (3:1-17)

##### A. 3 Days & Prepare to Follow Yahweh (3:1-6)

**3** Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

**2** At (Before) the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup> and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the *Levitical priests*, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. <sup>4</sup> Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, *in order that you may know the way you shall go*, for you have not passed this way before.”

**5** Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for **tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.**” 

**6** And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up **the ark of the covenant** and *pass on before the people.*” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

Genesis 22:2–5 (Cf. Hebrews 11:19)

<sup>2</sup> [The LORD] said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”... <sup>4</sup> **On the third day** Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”

**Exodus 19:11** (Mt. Sinai, Consecrate...three days)

**Hosea 6:1–2**

<sup>1</sup> “Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; **on the third day** he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

**Luke 13:32–33**

<sup>32</sup> And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and **the third day** I finish my course. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’”

**Jonah 1:17** (Cf. Matthew 12:40)

And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish **three days** and three nights.

**Luke 24:44–47** (Cf. 1 Cor. 15:4)

<sup>46</sup> ... “**Thus it is written**, that the Christ should suffer and **on the third day** rise from the dead...

## II. Plan to Remember This (4:1-24)

- A. Gather the Twelve Stones (4:1-7)
- B. The Twelve Stones are Gathered (4:8-14)
- C. The Twelve Stones Set Up at Gilgal (4:15-24)

<sup>18</sup> And when the priests bearing **the ark of the covenant of the LORD** came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before. ... <sup>20</sup> And those **twelve stones**... **Joshua set up at Gilgal**. ... <sup>24</sup> so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

## We are Confronted with the God of Wonders

I. We are Confronted with the Identity of Jesus (Priest & Ark)

**Acts 26:8**



Why is it thought incredible by any of you that **God raises the dead**?

- A. **Jesus** raised Jairus' daughter (Mk 5:35–43), the widows son (Lk. 7:14), and Lazarus (Jn 11:17–44)
- B. The Grave Couldn't Hold **Jesus** (Acts 2:24)
- C. **Jesus'** Apostles **Peter & Paul**... (Acts 9:36–42; 20:9–12)

II We Follow Him "On Dry Ground"... Given Better "Stones"

**Luke 24:48–49** (Cf. John 14:26)

<sup>48</sup> You are *witnesses* of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

**Romans 4:25**

[Jesus] was *delivered up* for our trespasses and *raised* for our justification.

**Romans 6:4**

<sup>4</sup> We were *buried therefore with him* by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, *we too might walk in newness of life.*

**Romans 8:11**

<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who *raised Jesus from the dead* **dwells in you**, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**Colossians 2:9–15**

<sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ... <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also *raised with him through faith* in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, *God made alive together with him*...

III. Everyone is Confronted with the Coming Judgment (Fear)

**Acts 17:30–31**

<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all *by raising him from the dead.*"

**Jesus is God & He is Good!**

