

# Walking Through the Valley of Shadows

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

Joshua 4:1-7

### I. S.T.O.N.E.S. of Remembrance, (Joshua 4)

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1. (**Josh. 4:1-2**), “Now it came about when all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan, that the Lord spoke to Joshua...”
  - a. While memorials are established by God they are built by men (this is true for all of God’s memorials).

Exodus 12:3, 45

1 Corinthians 11:24, 26

- b. God walked through the Valley with *YOU!* This is *YOUR* story. He *selected* you to tell this story!!

Mark 5:19-20

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1. (**Josh. 4:3**), “...and command them, saying, ‘Take up for yourselves 12 stones from the middle of the Jordan....’”
  - 1) There is never a bad time for you to share your story with someone who is now walking your path in Valley.

Matthew 13:34

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1. (**Josh. 4:6-7**), “Let this be a sign among you so that later when your children ask, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’”
  - a. All the people of Israel were to say the same thing to their children.

Exodus 12:26-27

- b. As Christians, we’ve all been given the same story...

Mark 16:15

Matthew 4:19-20

John 1:48

Luke 19:4-5

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1. (**Josh. 4:8**), *“Thus the sons of Israel did, as Joshua commanded, and took up 12 stones from the middle of the Jordan....”*
  - a. These stones on the western shore of the Jordan memorialized the faith of the obedient Israelites.

Hebrews 11:7

Hebrews 11:8

Hebrews 5:9

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1. (**Josh. 4:9**), *“Then Joshua set up 12 stones in the middle of the Jordan ....”*
  - a. This was an “Unseen Memorial.”

Hebrews 11:1

Matthew 26:26-28

Acts 22:16

2 Corinthians 4:18

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1. (**Josh. 4:24**), *“...that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty....”*
  - a. These stones reminded God’s people that He had saved their forefathers from the wilderness & from the Jordan.

Exodus 12:12

1 Peter 3:21

## CONCLUSIONS:

1. MEMBERS: In this nation we are big on memorials; Generals, statesmen, soldiers, and other important individuals.
  
2. GUESTS: God has left us a memorial in which we are reminded of Jesus death,, His burial, and His resurrection!

Romans 6:1-4

Mark 16:16