

Into the Promised Land

Joshua 1-4

Intro: The book of Joshua could be called “Eisodus” to complement Exodus. Exodus means “the way out”; eisodus means “the way in.”

- I. A comparison of the two Israelite parties
 - a. Led by Moses; led by Joshua
 - b. God’s presence in a pillar; God’s presence w/the ark
 - c. 1st generation out of slavery; 2nd generation
 - d. Pursued by an army; going to confront armies
 - e. Through the Red Sea; through the Jordan River

- II. The man Joshua (form of *Yeshua*, Hebrew for *Jesus*)
 - a. One of two adults who came out of Egypt (Caleb)
 - b. A military man, leader, spy, and aide to Moses

- III. Be strong and courageous...for the LORD will be with you
 - a. To encourage is to come alongside
 - b. God encourages and strengthens with his Word

- IV. Joshua’s first act: Sending two spies to Jericho
 - a. Rahab feared the LORD more than the king of Jericho
 - b. The spies’ report

- V. Crossing the Jordan River
 - a. Follow the ark, but keep your distance!
 - b. The twelve memorial stones

Close: Jesus is our *exodus* and our *eisodus*. He is the only way *out* of sin and death, and the only way *into* heaven and eternal life.