

When Joshua saw Jesus – Joshua 5:13-6:3, 16

Obstacle 1: Crossing the Jordan – “...and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground...” (3:17)

- The ark was the _____ thing to go into the river – 3:14-17
- The ark was the _____ thing to come out of the river – 4:10-11
 - Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the author and finisher of our faith – Rev. 1:11; Heb. 12:2
 - The firstborn of all creatures who would be born of the Spirit – Col. 1:15; 2 Cor. 5:17; Jn. 3:5-7
 - The first to come up from the dead that didn’t die again – Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5; Acts 1:9
 - The last Adam by which all can have the image of God restored in them – 1 Cor. 15:45; Jn. 5:21-29
- They camp out in Gilgal awaiting the next step in the journey – 4:19-24
 - It’s where their _____ life began – Josh. 5:1-9
 - It’s where they observed the Passover lamb – Josh. 5:10-11
 - It’s where _____ ceased – Josh. 5:12
 - It’s where they would eventually kill the king of the _____ – 1 Sam. 15:33
 - It’s where they would later _____ with the king of Israel – 2 Sam. 19:15
 - It’s where they would invest the words and work of God into future generations – Josh. 4:19-24

Obstacle 2: The Walls of Jericho – “...Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked...” (5:13)

- Sees a man with his sword drawn – 5:13; Num. 22:23, 31; 1 Chr. 21:11-30; Rev. 1:16; 19:15
 - No middle ground in this fight – Mt. 12:30; Lk. 16:13; 1 Ki. 18:21; Josh. 24:15
- Identifies himself as Captain of the host of the Lord – 5:14; Ex. 23:20-22; Isa. 55:4; Rev. 3:14; Heb. 2:10
 - Reminds Joshua that this is a _____ war of the _____ world – Eph. 6:12; 2 Ki. 6:8-17; Mt. 26:53

Joshua’s response – “And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship...” (5:14)

- When he sees Jesus, he’s ready to receive his word with meekness – Jn. 12:24; 8:47; 14:23
- The place Joshua finds himself in has new meaning – 5:15; Ex. 3:5, 14
- His obstacles are now seen as opportunities with the proper perspective – 6:1-3, 16; Zech. 4:6

- God says “I have given...” – killing our self-will of thinking this is our mission
- God says “go round about the city” – killing our self-effort of doing this in our power
- God says “the Lord hath given you” – killing our self-glory of taking all the credit

In order for the walls to fall, we have to fall first! All these people who had personal encounters with Jesus all had the same response – they fell down as _____. This is devotion. How does it differ from your encounters with Christ? The Father is seeking such to worship him (John 4:23-24)!