



## Lesson 46: Jericho is Defeated

### Scriptural Basis:



Joshua 5:13-6:27

### Overview:

After encountering the commander of the army of the Lord, Joshua receives the battle plans from God. He provides Joshua with a very unique battle plan for defeating Jericho which involves walking around the city for seven days, then... yelling. REALLY loud. And His plan works as promised, leaving no room for doubt as to who won the battle for Israel. Once the walls come down, the city is defeated, and the only people left alive are Rahab and her family, who are 'adopted' into the Israelite nation.

### Things to consider:

This story is about supremacy. The key to this amazing account is not the marching, not the trumpet blowing, and not the walls falling down. It is the fact that the Commander of the Army of the LORD came to establish WHO would be leading the charge (Josh. 5:13-15). The Commander states that he is neither for the Israelites OR the Canaanites, but instead is FOR God's purposes. ALL Christians would do well to remember to remember that God's Highest Purpose for Creation is HIS GLORY!

It is also about God's faithfulness, His holiness, and our need to trust Him no matter what, God made a point of communicating with Joshua for the express purpose of reminding him about God's holiness. The city fell, but by God's grace, one family was allowed to live. God's defeat of Jericho brought fame to Joshua, and Joshua was sure to dedicate Jericho to the Lord to point the fame back to Him.

### The gospel in the story:



The saving grace of Jesus is seen in His protection and provision giving Israel victory over Jericho (they did nothing to deserve victory), and also at the individual household level in the way God rescued Rahab and her family out of a nation that had become an enemy to God.

### Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Joshua 5:13-6:27. Consider that when Joshua encountered the commander of the army of the Lord, this was likely Jesus, pre-incarnate (because Joshua's reaction was to *worship*). Consider further that of all the possible messages the Commander could have delivered, the only thing recorded in Scripture is the message that Joshua was standing on holy ground. God is a holy God, and He wants us to know that!

## *Preparing for the lesson:*

- A: Review the teacher page and handout for previous lesson(s)
- B: Read and meditate on Scripture
- C. Research/plan Lesson presentation:
- E. Research/plan Additional activity, craft and/or music:

## *Teaching the lesson:*

- A: Review – last week – Rahab and the red cord, and crossing the Jordan
- B: Bible verse memory activity
- C. Story
- D. Additional activity