Scriptures November 1, 2026

Ancient Testimony *Joshua 3:7-17 NRSV*

Crossing into the promised land

7 The Lord said to Joshua, ‘This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of
all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses.
8 You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the
covenant, “When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you
shall stand still in the Jordan.”’ 9 Joshua then said to the Israelites, ‘Draw
near and hear the words of the Lord your God.’ 10 Joshua said, ‘By this you
shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out
from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites,
Amorites, and Jebusites: 11 the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the
earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. 12 So now select twelve
men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. 13 When the soles of the
feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth,
rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from
above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.’

14 When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the
priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. 15 Now
the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when
those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests
bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, 16 the waters flowing
from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city
that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah,
the Dead Sea,[a] were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite
Jericho. 17 While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests
who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the
middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the
Jordan.

Ancient Testimony Matthew 5:1-12

The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely[b] on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.