

Text: Joshua 5

“COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE LORD”

(I) THE TASK ASSIGNED TO JOSHUA

“Arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people...” Joshua 1:2

1. Assigned by the Lord (Joshua 1:2)
2. Affirmed by Moses
3. Accepted by the Children of Israel

(II) THE VISIBLE LEADERS

1. Moses
2. Joshua

(III) THE ALL-IMPORTANT INVISIBLE LEADER

1. Joshua’s Encounter

- a) He meets a Man
 - b) The Man carried a drawn sword (**Joshua 5:13**)
 - c) Symbolic: Ready for Battle
 - d) Joshua challenges the Man
- “Are you for us or for our adversaries” Joshua 5:13*

2. Correction of Joshua’s Perception

- a) The Man had come as “Commander of the army of the LORD” (**Joshua 5:14**)
- b) This was a Divine Man
- c) This was the Pre-Incarnate Christ

(IV) VITAL LESSONS JOSHUA LEARNED

1. Recognition of the real Commander of the army of the Lord

- a) It was not Joshua
- b) The real Commander was the Man with the drawn sword standing before him

2. Renewal of faith

- a) Expressed in kneeling before the Commander
- b) Expressed in worship (**Joshua 5:14**)
- c) Taking off his sandals (**Joshua 5:15**)

3. Responding appropriately

- a) As a servant of the Lord
- b) As a subordinate to the Commander of the army of the LORD