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Jordan River Crossings

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Elijah and Elisha @ Jordan River – Exit & Entry of Promised Land (2 Kings 2)

Elijah

- ◇ **Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. (2 Kings 2:8 NRSV)**

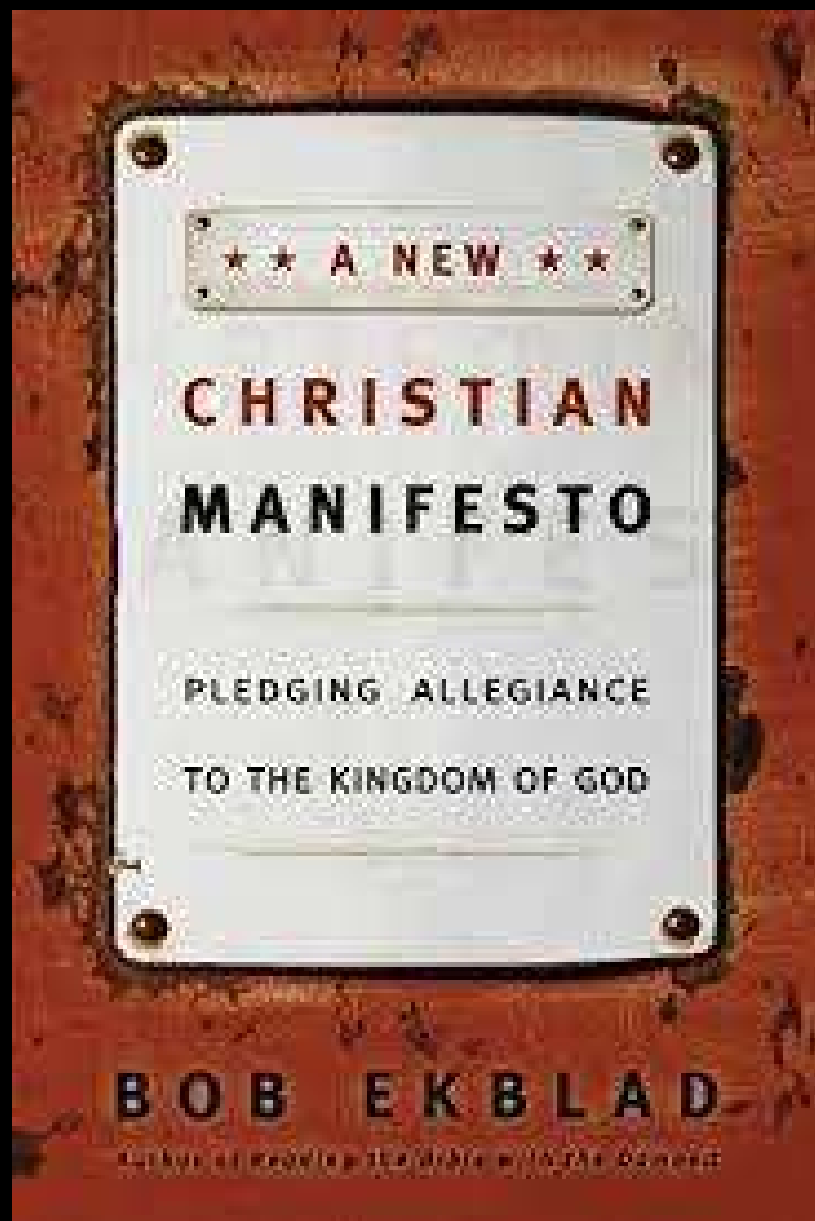
Elisha

- ◇ **He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, ‘Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?’ When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. (2Kgs 2:13-14 NRSV)**

John the Baptist @ Jordan River

- ❖ John baptizes at the Jordan, near where the ancient Israelites crossed, awaiting the new-Joshua, Savior. (Mark 1)
- ❖ The Jordan was the starting line for a new era—“John the Baptist ...[was] preaching... ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” (Matthew 3:1)





“Jesus’ ministry begins at his baptism, where his identity is founded in a gesture of solidarity with sinners and in receiving love and empowerment from his Father and the Holy Spirit. This death-and-resurrection beginning must be reenacted by Christians today as a basis for a new life as Christ’s body in the world—the presence of God’s kingdom.”

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