

Lesson 12
Elisha Becomes Elijah's Successor
(2 Kings 2:1-25)

Questions

1. What three places did Elijah and Elisha travel together (2 K. 2:1-7)?

2. How did Elijah cross the Jordan with Elisha and how did he go up into heaven (2 K. 2:8-12)?

3. How did Elisha cross back over the Jordan (2 K. 2:13-14)?

4. What did the sons of the prophets want to do regarding Elijah (2 K. 2:15-18)?

5. What did Elisha do to the waters at Jericho (2 K. 2:19-22)?

6. What did Elisha do to some young lads near Bethel and why (2 K. 2:23-25)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates of Elisha's prophetic ministry (2 K. 2-13)? Where in 1 Kings are we told that Elisha would be Elijah's successor?

2. Locate the following on a map: Bethel (2 K. 2:2), Jericho (2 K. 2:4), the Jordan River (2 K. 2:6), and Mt. Carmel and Samaria (2 K. 2:25).

3. What is Elisha asking Elijah for in 2 Kings 1:9?

4. Where in 2 Kings is Elisha's cry, "My father, my father..." (2 K. 2:12), repeated?

Applications for Today

1. Seek the spiritual blessings that come from God to a first-born son, not worldly fame and fortune (2 K. 2:9; Heb. 12:23).
2. The death of a godly man brings great sorrow (2 K. 2:12; Psa. 116:15).
3. When the godly leave this life, "take up the mantle" of the Lord's cause and continue their good work (2 K. 2:14; 2 Tim. 2:1-2; 4:5-6).
4. The "spirit of Elijah" is the spirit of standing for truth without compromise (2 K. 2:15; Lk. 1:17).
5. Always respect others and never mock them (2 K. 2:23; 1 Tim. 5:1-2; 1 Pet. 5:5).