

A photograph of a wooden suspension bridge stretching across a river, surrounded by dense tropical forest. The bridge has a wooden deck and railings, and the surrounding area is filled with lush greenery and tall trees. The text "NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE" is overlaid in a bold, black, serif font across the center of the image.

NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE

1. Follow BECAUSE
2. You do not know BECAUSE
3. You have not been

Sounds geographical but actually
spiritual instruction

Geographically, the Israelites knew exactly where they were going!







DEEPER MEANING

Follow God. Otherwise you will be lost because [apart from God]
you do not know how to live.

If I do not follow God, what will I follow?

- **personality**
- **popularity**
- **performance**
- **power**

All these paradigms are **amoral**.

They are intrinsically empty of
meaning and **measurement**.

Journey without a hint of **destination**.

Among human ideals/
philosophies/pursuits a “right”
way does not **even exist**.

Only the **Creator** of humans could possibly **know** with is **right** for humans.

“never been this way before”
CHANGES • SURPRISES

"then you will know the way"
Every option is a gamble ...
Except one. FOLLOW GOD

DILEMMA	Promised LAND > Raging RIVER
TRAGEDY	Fallen WORLD>Floundering PERSON
SOLUTION	Leading ARK > Focused FOLLOWER
REWARD	Docile RIVER > Promised LAND

If our purpose is determined and
accountability is demanded by
SOMEONE from a DIFFERENT
WORLD, how can we know and who
can we follow IN THIS WORLD?

The ark (covenant) was an earthly container with

- Words from a different world –
10 words
- Food from a different world –
angels' bread
- Leadership from a different world –
staff of Aaron

Our ark to follow is Christ Jesus
who can show us the way to heaven
BECAUSE he came from there.

No one has ever gone into heaven
except the one who came from
heaven, the Son of Man. (*John 3:13*)

No one has seen the Father
except the one who is from
God. Only he has seen the
Father. (*John 6:46*)

Yes, I testify on my own behalf but my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. You judge by human standards and have no idea where I came from or where I am going. (*John 8:14*)

You are from below. I am from above. You are of this world. I am not of this world. If you do not believe that I am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins. (*John 8:23*)

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