

- They both tr u s t e d in God to bring about the f u l f i l l m e n t of His p l a n s of blessing (Gen 50:19-21; Matt 16:21-23; John 12:27-28; Acts 2:23-24; 4:27-28; Heb 2:9-10; Rom 8:28)

Seeing Jesus Through The Old Testament
Jesus: The SAVIOR of the World!
 Genesis 37-50

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The life of Joseph p o i n t s us to the life of Jesus in that:

- They were both b e l o v e d by their fathers (Gen 37:2-4; Matt 3:16; 17:5)
- They were both h a t e d by their brothers (Gen 37:4,5,8; John 5:18; 6:41; 10:30-31; 15:23-24; Luke 4:28-30)
 - They were hated because, each was b e l o v e d of their father and because of their w o r d s (Gen 37:5-11; Matt 26:64; John 7:7)
- They were both "s e n t to their brothers" by their fathers (Gen 37:12-14; Matt 15:24; John 1:11; 1 John 4:10)
- They were both r e j e c t e d by their brothers who then plotted their d e a t h s (Gen 37:18-20; Matt 12:14; 26:4; Mark 3:6; John 5:18)

Think on these things...individually and in the Growth Groups:

Can you see *even more comparisons* between Joseph and Jesus? Spend some time reading through Genesis 37-50 – there are many more than we had time to point out this morning.

Spend some time and think on those two words - "*BUT GOD*" – will you remember the lesson of Joseph (and later demonstrated by Jesus) that God is able to bring GOOD from difficulties?

Why do you think we have such great difficulty trusting God with our lives? How does Joseph (and his life that foreshadows Christ) help you to be more confident in seeing God's hand in every aspect and situation of your life? Discuss.

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- They were both sold by their brothers
(Gen 37:28; Matt 26:14-16)
- They both endured temptation, yet did not sin
(Gen 39:6-10; Mark 1:13; Luke 4:2; Heb 4:15)
- They were both falsely accused
(Gen 39:11-18; Mark 14:55-59)
- They were both silent before their accusers
(Gen 39:19-20; Isa 53:7; Mark 14:60-61; 15:3-5)
- They were both "buried" (Gen 39:20; Matt 27:59-60;
Mark 15:46; Luke 23:55-56; John 19:41-42)
- They were both "resurrected" and exalted
(Gen 41:14, 38-40; John 20:6-7, 26-28; Acts 10:39-41;
Acts 2:32-33; 5:30-31; Heb 7:26)
- They were both the source of life for the whole earth
(Gen 41:56-57; John 6:33,48-51; Acts 4:12)
- They both knew their brothers the first time, but their
brothers did not know them (Gen 42:6-8; Mark 4:41;
John 8:25, 52-53, 58-59; 2 Cor 3:12-17)
- They both make themselves known to their brothers the
second time they come (Gen 45:1-4; Zech 12:10-14)

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