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9. **Joseph** was sent on a mission by his father (37:13-14) ... to Shechem, where religion had been used as a cloak to do much evil (Gen 34). God sent **Jesus** from Heaven (Jn 20:21), to Israel where religion was used to do much evil (Mt 23).

10. **Joseph** obeyed his father and went on the mission as instructed (37:13ff). Heb 10:9 says of **Jesus**, “I have come to do your will.”

11. **Joseph** sought his brothers’ welfare (37:14). **Jesus** said He did not come “into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved” (Jn 3:17).

12. **Joseph** was rejected by his own brothers when he came to them seeking their welfare (37:16ff). **Jesus** experienced similar rejection. “He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him” (Jn 1:11).

13. **Joseph** was conspired against for evil. “before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him” (37:18). **Jesus** was conspired against in order that He might be slain (Mt 12:14). Even before He had begun His public ministry—Herod sought to slay Him (Mt 2:16–18).

14. **Joseph** was placed in a hole because of a secret disciple (Reuben) who would not consent to Joseph’s death (37:22). **Jesus** was placed in a hole (tomb) by a secret disciple (Joseph of Arimathaea - Jn 19:38) who “had not consented to their decision and action” who crucified Jesus (Lk 23:51).

15. **Joseph** was stripped of his garments (37:23). Shortly before **Jesus** was crucified, the soldiers “stripped him” of His clothes (Mt 27:28).

16. **Joseph** came out of the hole alive (37:28). **Jesus** also came out of the hole (tomb) alive (Lk 24:4, 6).

17. **Joseph** was sold for a trifling sum, compared to his worth, by Judah (37:26–28). **Jesus** was sold for a trifling sum, compared to His worth, by Judas, whose name is the same as the Hebrew “Judah” (Mt 26:14–16).

18. **Joseph** was sought in the hole after he had been delivered alive from it. The seeker was greatly puzzled as to Joseph’s whereabouts (37:29–30). Many sought for **Jesus** at the grave and were greatly puzzled that He was no longer there (Lk 24:1–4; Jn 20:1–15).

19. **Joseph** had a garment which was dipped in blood (37:31). **Jesus** will also have a garment dipped in blood, for it is said of Him, “He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood” (Rev 19:13).

20. **Joseph’s** whereabouts were lied about after his deliverance from the hole (37:31ff). **Jesus’** whereabouts were lied about after His resurrection (Mt 28:11–15).

21. **Joseph** became a great blessing to Gentile people after his deliverance from the pit (39; 40; 41; 47:13–26). After **Jesus** rose from the grave, He became a great blessing to the Gentiles through the Gospel (Acts 26:23; Rom 1:16).

22. **Joseph** was humbled by being made a lowly servant (39:1). **Jesus** “humbled himself” and “took upon him the form of a servant” (Phil 2:7-8).

23. **Joseph** prospered in his lowly position because of God’s help (39:2-3, 23). Speaking prophetically of **Jesus** in His lowliness, Isaiah said, “the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand” (Isa 53:10).

24. **Joseph** pleased his master (39:3–6). **Jesus** said, “I do always those things that please Him” (Jn 8:29). God agreed; for He said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Mt 3:17; 17:5).

25. **Joseph** was the cause of great blessing: “the Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake” (39:5). The greatest of all blessings came to mankind because of **Jesus**, for “God in Christ forgave you” (Eph 4:32).

26. **Joseph** increased in favor with man (39:6, 21). **Jesus** “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.” (Lk 2:52).

27. **Joseph** had a great temptation experience in which he refused to yield to the temptation (39:1–12). **Jesus** also had a great temptation experience in which He refused to yield to the temptation (Mt 4:1–11; Lk 4:1–13).

28. **Joseph's** temptation experience is divided into three parts (39:7–9; 39:10; 39:11-12). **Jesus'** temptation experience is also divided into three parts (Mt 4:3-4; 4:5–7; 4:8–10).

29. **Joseph** was falsely accused (39:14ff). **Jesus** was accused by false witnesses (Mt 26:59-60).

30. **Joseph** is not recorded giving an answer to the accusation made by Potiphar's wife. **Jesus** "made no further answer" when accused by false witnesses at His trial (Mk 15:5).

31. **Joseph** was sentenced by a man (Potiphar) who was unconvinced of his guilt (39:19-20; 40:3-4). **Jesus** was sentenced by a man (Pilate) who was unconvinced of His guilt (Jn 19:6).

32. **Joseph** was innocent, yet he suffered (39:20). **Jesus** was not guilty, but He suffered for it (Isa 53:9; Heb 7:26).

33. **Joseph** suffered vicariously, for in his suffering he spared Potiphar's wife. **Jesus** "suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous" (1Pe 3:18).

34. **Joseph** was respected by the guardian (Potiphar) of his suffering (39:21). The centurion exhibited great respect for **Jesus**: "Certainly this man was innocent" (Lk 23:47).

35. **Joseph** was numbered with the transgressors, particularly with two transgressors (40:1–3). **Jesus** was "numbered with the transgressors" (Mk 15:27-28), particularly two thieves.

36. **Joseph** brought blessing to one transgressor (the butler, 40:13), but not to the other (the baker, 40:19). **Jesus** brought blessing to one of the thieves crucified with Him, but not to the other (Lk 23:39–43).

37. **Joseph** demonstrated knowledge of the future in prison (Gen 40) and throughout his life. **Jesus** spoke prophetically throughout His life, as well as from the cross. (See, for example, Mt 24 and Lk 23:43).

38. **Joseph's** predictions were never proven wrong. No one has ever proven **Jesus** to be wrong in any of His predictions about the future either.

39. **Joseph** was put in the place of death (prison was often the end of the road for many) where aristocracy was placed (39:20; 40:1–3). **Jesus** was put in the place of death (the tomb) where aristocracy was placed (Isa 53:9; Mt 27:57–60).

40. **Joseph** sought to comfort others, even though he was experiencing suffering himself (40:7ff). **Jesus**, while experiencing the agonies of Calvary, provided a home for His mother Mary (Jn 19:26, 27) and comforted the thief with the promise of Paradise (Lk 23:43).

41. **Joseph** proclaimed Divine revelation to those who were in prison (40:8–19) which included giving the message of deliverance to a captive (40:12-13). **Jesus** "proclaimed to the spirits in prison" (1Pe 3:19). And He gave a message of deliverance to captives of the prison of sin, for He came to "proclaim liberty to the captives" (Lk 4:18).

42. **Joseph** wanted the butler to remember him: "remember me, when it is well with you" (40:14). **Jesus** desires to be remembered. In giving the Lord's Supper, He said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Lk 22:19).

43. **Joseph** wanted to be made known to others, so he told the butler, "mention me to Pharaoh" (40:14). **Jesus** wants to be made known to others, therefore, He told the disciples before His ascension, "you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

44. **Joseph** was delivered from the place of death (the prison) by the power of God, who caused Pharaoh to dream as he did (41:1, 25). "God raised Him up" (Acts 2:24) was Peter's testimony regarding **Jesus'** deliverance from the grave.

45. **Joseph** was given a change of clothes (41:14). **Jesus**, too, had to be given a change of raiment after His deliverance, for His grave clothes were left in the tomb (Jn 20:6, 7).

46. **Joseph** was the means by which God's peace came to man (41:16). **Jesus** is the means by which God's peace comes to man, for "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 5:1).

47. **Joseph** was faithful in warning of coming danger (41:25ff). **Jesus** repeatedly warned of coming eternal danger (e.g. Mt 10:28; 24:36–51).

48. **Joseph** was a wonderful counsellor. This is especially seen in the advice he gave Pharaoh regarding preparation for the famine (41:33–36). Isa 9:6 prophetically speaks of **Jesus** as the Wonderful Counsellor.

49. **Joseph** was acclaimed because he did not speak as others (the magicians), but had spiritual understanding and discretion (41:37–39). Of **Jesus** it is written, "No one ever spoke like this man!" (Jn 7:46); "he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes" (Mt 7:29).

50. **Joseph** was acknowledged as "discerning and wise" (41:39). Paul wrote of **Jesus**, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col 2:3).

51. **Joseph** was given great authority (41:40-41). **Jesus** has been given great authority: "For as the Father ... has given him authority to execute judgment" (Jn 5:26-27).

52. **Joseph** was exalted by others; they were to "bow the knee" to him (41:43). **Jesus** is to be exalted, and "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow" (Phil 2:10).

53. **Joseph** was given a name of great honor (41:45). Paul wrote of **Jesus**, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil 2:9).

54. **Joseph** was given a Gentile bride during the time of his rejection of his brethren (41:45). **Jesus** is being given a Gentile bride—the Church—during the time of His rejection by His own—the Jews (Acts 15:14–17; Rom 11:11).

55. **Joseph** was thirty years old when he began his public ministry (41:46). **Jesus** was thirty years old when He began His public ministry on earth (Lk 3:23).

56. **Joseph** was had an itinerant ministry, going “throughout all the land of Egypt” (41:46). **Jesus** “went about all Galilee” (Mt 4:23) and “about all the cities and villages” (Mt 9:35).

57. **Joseph** possessed great resources (41:49). **Jesus** has great resources; for He is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4), “rich unto all that call upon him” (Rom 10:12), and has “abundant mercy” (1Pe 1:3).

58. **Joseph** was announced as the one to whom all should go in their distress (41:55). The oft-repeated message of the Word of God is to go to **Jesus** in our distress and He will bring relief (Mt 11:28).

59. **Joseph’s** authority was acknowledged when Pharaoh said to the people, “What he says to you, do” (41:55). **Jesus’** authority was acknowledged when Mary said, “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5).

60. **Joseph** dispensed the bread of life to those who came to him and kept them from perishing from hunger (41:55-56). **Jesus** said, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger” (Jn 6:35).

61. **Joseph’s** name was the only name given to those who were perishing from the famine (41:55–57). **Jesus** is the only “name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

62. **Joseph** was great but was unknown by some (42:7-8). **Jesus** is the great but He is also unknown by some (Jn 1:10).

63. **Joseph** knew his brothers, though they did not know him (42:7-8). **Jesus** “he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man” (Jn 2:24-25) though men did not know Him.

64. **Joseph’s** brothers would not heed his pleas for deliverance (42:21). **Jesus’** brethren according to the flesh (the Jews) would not heed Him (Mt 23:37).

65. **Joseph’s** betrayers were greatly grieved over their evil deed of selling him and in their grief they mentioned his blood (42:21-22). **Jesus’** betrayer Judas was greatly grieved over his deed of selling Christ; and in his grief, he mentioned the blood of the One he had betrayed (Mt 27:3–5).

66. **Joseph** intentionally spoke in a language which his brothers would not understand (42:23). **Jesus** spoke in a language which natural man could not understand (Jn 8:43), and He did so intentionally (Mt 13).

67. **Joseph’s** words were understood because of the work of an interpreter (42:23). The words of **Jesus** are understood as to their spiritual meaning by the work of the great Interpreter—the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:12–15).

68. **Joseph** wept on several occasions, a manifestation of his great compassion (42:24; 45:2). “**Jesus** wept” (Jn 11:35) is a fitting description of His great compassion (Mt 9:36; 14:14).

69. **Joseph** asked his brothers to dine when he was unknown to them (43:16). **Jesus** asked the disciple to “come and dine” right after He had been unknown to them (Jn 21:4, 12).

70. **Joseph** told his servants, “Set on bread” to feed the people (43:31). **Jesus** told His servants, “You give them something to eat” (Mk 6:37), and “Feed my sheep” (Jn 21:16-17).

71. **Joseph** set his guests, whom he was feeding, in companies (43:32). When **Jesus** fed the multitude, “he commanded them all to sit down in groups” (Mk 6:39).

72. **Joseph** amazed his seniors (his older brothers) by his knowledge when they did not know who he was (43:33). **Jesus** amazed His seniors (the teachers in the Temple) with His knowledge when He was but twelve years old and unknown to them (Lk 2:46-47).

73. **Joseph** was made known to his brothers the second time they came to Egypt (Gen 45:3; Acts 7:13). **Jesus** will be made known to His brethren (the Jews) when He comes to earth the second time (Zech 12:10–14).

74. **Joseph’s** revelation of himself to his brothers greatly upset them (45:3). When **Jesus** is revealed to His brethren (the Jews), they, too, will be very upset. “On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be...great” (Zech 12:11).

75. **Joseph** was revealed to his brothers when their trouble was at its peak (45:3, cp. chapter 44). **Jesus** will be revealed in all His glory to His brethren (the Jews) when their trouble has reached its peak. (Mt 24:15–29 describes the trouble; Mt 24:30 tells us “then” Jesus will be revealed).

76. **Joseph** sought the wayward to “come near” him (45:4). The work of **Jesus** is to bring “near” those who were “far off” (Eph 2:13).

77. **Joseph** spoke gracious words to his evil brothers (45:4–8). **Jesus** spoke graciously to His wicked brethren at Nazareth, and “all...marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth” (Lk 4:22).

78. **Joseph** gave the forgiven (his brothers) a commission to “Go ... and say” (45:9). **Jesus** gives the forgiven a commission to “Go ... and preach” (Mk 16:15).

79. **Joseph** was served faithfully by the forgiven because of what he had done for them in forgiving them and supplying their need (45). **Jesus** should be served faithfully for the very same reason (Rom 12:1).

80. **Joseph** invited the weary ones to “come ... to me” (45:9), and he would give them rest from the burden of the famine. **Jesus** said, “Come unto me ... and I will give you rest” from the burdens of sin (Mt 11:28).

81. **Joseph** called Jacob’s family to fellowship with him (45:9-10). Man has been “called into the fellowship of ... **Jesus**” (1Co 1:9).

82. **Joseph** was the one by whom God would supply the needs of His people (45:11). Paul said God would supply our needs by **Jesus** (Phil 4:19).

83. **Joseph**, by going through deep poverty (slavery and prison) was able to prevent others from experiencing poverty (45:11). **Jesus** “for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2Co 8:9).

84. **Joseph** amply enabled those who served him (45:21). We who serve **Jesus** will find we “can do all things through him who strengthens” us (Phil 4:13).

85. **Joseph** came to Israel (Jacob) and presented himself in all his glory (46:29). When **Jesus** presents Himself to Israel, He “shall come in his glory” (Mt 25:31).

86. **Joseph** came to Israel with “his chariot” (46:29). When **Jesus** comes to Israel, He will come “with his chariots” (Isa 66:15).

87. **Joseph** secured the rich pasture land of Goshen for those who had come to him (46:31–34; 47:5-6). All those who come to **Jesus** “shall ... find pasture” (Jn 10:9).

88. **Joseph** instructed his own concerning what to say when they came before the king (46:33-34). **Jesus** told His own that when they came “before kings and rulers ... I will give you a mouth and wisdom [the right words to say]” (Lk 21:12, 15).

89. **Joseph** presented some of his brothers, who were guilty of great evil in their treatment of Joseph, uncondemned before the throne (47:2). **Jesus** will “present you blameless before the presence of his glory” (Jude 24).

90. **Joseph**, when in his glory, placed Israel (Jacob and his family) in “the best of the land” (47:6). When **Jesus** reigns in His glory on the earth, Israel will be given the best of the land in which to dwell (Isa 51:3).

91. **Joseph** made it possible for Israel (Jacob) to bless the Gentiles (represented by Pharaoh; 47:7, 10). **Jesus** is the reason Israel (the Jews) can so greatly bless the Gentiles (Gal 3:8).

92. **Joseph’s** protection of Jacob and his family was because of the blood relationship he had with them (47:12). **Jesus** protects His own because of the blood (1Pe 1:18-19).

93. **Joseph** was able to supply food when “no food in all the land” (47:13). **Jesus** supplied food for a multitude of people when they had “nothing to eat” (Mk 8:2).

94. **Joseph** was the savior of man from death (47:19–25). **Jesus** is the great Savior of man from death. All who believe in Him shall “not perish, but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

95. **Joseph** “bought” those who were famished in order to save them (47:19, 23). We who are saved by **Jesus** are “bought with a price” (1Co 6:20). He “obtained [us] with his own blood” (Acts 20:28).

96. **Joseph** was the one to whom Jacob could safely commit himself in death (47:29–31). **Jesus** is the One to Whom we can safely commit ourselves in death, for “he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me” (2Tim 1:12).

97. **Joseph** is pictured as a vine (49:22; “bough” can be either a vine or tree). **Jesus** said, “I am the true vine” (Jn 15:1).

98. **Joseph** was “fruitful ... by a spring” (49:22). Jn 4:5–42 tells us how **Jesus** was fruitful in dealing with the Samaritan woman by a well. The result was the salvation of many—fruitfulness indeed.

99. **Joseph** greatly honored his father (50:1–12). **Jesus** honored His Father. He said, “I glorified you on earth” (Jn 17:4).

100. **Joseph** was a great fear remover. He told his brothers to “fear not” (50:19, 21). **Jesus** is the great fear remover. He said, “Fear not, little flock” (Lk 12:32).

101. **Joseph** permanently pardoned his brothers and would not cast them out when they came to him (50:15–21). **Jesus** permanently pardons and will not cast out those who come to Him. “whoever comes to me I will never cast out” (Jn 6:37).¹

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Theme of Scripture

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- **Foreshadows** of Christ - Historical Books: Genesis to Esther
- **Feelings** of Christ - Poetical Books: Job to Song of Solomon
- **Foretelling** of Christ - Prophetic Books: Isaiah to Malachi
- **Facts of Christ** - Gospels: Matthew to John
- **Followers** of Christ - Acts
- **Fruits** of Christ - Epistles: Romans to Jude
- **Future** of Christ - Revelation

What a tremendous theme! Can anyone think of a better motif for the Scripture than the message of the Savior?²

Type of Jesus

Romans 5:12–14 (ESV)

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, **who was a type of the one who was to come.**

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101 Ways in which Joseph is a Type of Jesus

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Genesis 37:2 (ESV)

² These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

Isaiah 40:11 (ESV)

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

John 10:11 (ESV)

¹¹ **I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

1 Peter 5:4 (ESV)

⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Hebrews 13:20 (ESV)

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

2. **Joseph** was opposed to evil (37:2; 39:9). The writer of Hebrews said of **Jesus**, “You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness” (Heb 1:9).

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Genesis 39:9 (ESV)

⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”

Hebrews 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

3. Joseph was the beloved son of his father (37:3). Of **Jesus** God said, “This is my beloved Son” (Mt 3:17; 17:5).

Genesis 37:3 (ESV)

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.

Matthew 3:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 17:5 (ESV)

⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

4. Joseph was esteemed superior and was set apart by his father. The coat of many colors (37:3) and the double-portion blessing (48:22) indicated this. **Jesus** was set “beyond [His] companions” by His Father (Heb 1:9).

Genesis 37:3 (ESV)

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.

Genesis 48:22 (ESV)

²² Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.”

Hebrews 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

5. **Joseph** was hated by his brothers (37:4-5, 8). Also true of **Jesus**. Not only did His own brethren (the Jews) greatly hate Him (Lk 19:14), but also the world hated Him, as Jesus testified in Jn 7:7.

Genesis 37:4–5 (ESV)

⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵ Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.

Genesis 37:8 (ESV)

⁸ His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Luke 19:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

John 7:7 (ESV)

⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.

6. **Joseph** was hated without a cause...for what he was (righteous) and for what he said (dreams - 37:5, 8). **Jesus** was “hated ... without a cause” (Jn 15:25).

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John 15:25 (ESV)

²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

7. **Joseph** was promised a glorious future (37:7, 9). The glorious future of **Jesus** was described by Gabriel: “He shall be great ... the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign ... forever” (Lk 1:32-33).

Genesis 37:7 (ESV)

⁷ Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.”

Genesis 37:9 (ESV)

⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, “Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

Luke 1:32–33 (ESV)

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

8. Joseph was envied by his brethren (37:11). Pilate realized the same about Jesus: “he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him” (Mt 27:18).

Genesis 37:11 (ESV)

¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

Matthew 27:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

9. Joseph was sent on a mission by his father (37:13-14) ... to Shechem, where religion had been used as a cloak to do much evil (Gen 34). God sent Jesus from Heaven (Jn 20:21), to Israel where religion was used to do much evil (Mt 23).

Genesis 37:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” And he said to him, “Here I am.” ¹⁴ So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

Genesis 34 (ESV)

¹ Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. ² And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. ³ And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. ⁴ So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, “Get me this girl for my wife.”

⁵ Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. ⁶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷ The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, for such a thing must not be done.

⁸ But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. ⁹ Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ¹⁰ You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it.” ¹¹ Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. ¹² Ask me for as great a bride-price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife.”

¹³ The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. ¹⁴ They said to them, “We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. ¹⁵ Only on this condition will we agree with you—that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. ¹⁶ Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. ¹⁷ But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.”

¹⁸ Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor’s son Shechem. ¹⁹ And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob’s daughter. Now he was the most honored of all his father’s house. ²⁰ So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, ²¹ “These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²² Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people—when every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. ²³ Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us.” ²⁴ And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

²⁵ On the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, took their swords and came against the city while it felt secure and killed all the males. ²⁶ They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem’s house and went away. ²⁷ The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸ They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. ²⁹ All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and plundered.

³⁰ Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household.” ³¹ But they said, “Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?”

John 20:21 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

Matthew 23 (ESV)

¹ Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, ³ so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, ⁶ and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷ and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. ⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁰ Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. ¹¹ The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³ “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. ¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

¹⁶ “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ ¹⁷ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? ¹⁸ And you say, ‘If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ ¹⁹ You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? ²⁰ So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. ²¹ And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. ²² And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

²³ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ²⁴ You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

²⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ ³¹ Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. ³³ You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? ³⁴ Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes,

some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,³⁵ so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.³⁶ Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate.³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

10. **Joseph** obeyed his father and went on the mission as instructed (37:13ff). Heb 10:9 says of **Jesus**, “I have come to do your will.”

Genesis 37:13ff (ESV)

¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” And he said to him, “Here I am.” ¹⁴ So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵ And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” ¹⁶ “I am seeking my brothers,” he said. “Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” ¹⁷ And the man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’ ” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸ They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” ²² And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. ²⁴ And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰ and returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?” ³¹ Then they took Joseph’s robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, “This we have found;

please identify whether it is your son’s robe or not.”³³ And he identified it and said, “It is my son’s robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.”³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father wept for him.³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

Hebrews 10:9 (ESV)

⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

11. Joseph sought his brothers’ welfare (37:14). Jesus said He did not come “into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved” (Jn 3:17).

Genesis 37:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

John 3:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

12. Joseph was rejected by his own brothers when he came to them seeking their welfare (37:16ff). Jesus experienced similar rejection. “He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him” (Jn 1:11).

Genesis 37:16ff (ESV)

¹⁶ “I am seeking my brothers,” he said. “Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.”¹⁷ And the man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸ They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him.¹⁹ They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer.²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.”²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.”²² And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father.²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore.²⁴ And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰ and returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?” ³¹ Then they took Joseph’s robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, “This we have found; please identify whether it is your son’s robe or not.” ³³ And he identified it and said, “It is my son’s robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father wept for him. ³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

John 1:11 (ESV)

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

13. Joseph was conspired against for evil. “before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him” (37:18). **Jesus** was conspired against in order that He might be slain (Mt 12:14). Even before He had begun His public ministry—Herod sought to slay Him (Mt 2:16–18).

Genesis 37:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him.

Matthew 12:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Matthew 2:16–18 (ESV)

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

14. **Joseph** was placed in a hole because of a secret disciple (Reuben) who would not consent to Joseph’s death (37:22). **Jesus** was placed in a hole (tomb) by a secret disciple (Joseph of Arimathea - Jn 19:38) who “had not consented to their decision and action” who crucified Jesus (Lk 23:51).

Genesis 37:22 (ESV)

²² And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father.

John 19:38 (ESV)

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

Luke 23:51 (ESV)

⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God.

15. **Joseph** was stripped of his garments (37:23). Shortly before **Jesus** was crucified, the soldiers “stripped him” of His clothes (Mt 27:28).

Genesis 37:23 (ESV)

²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore.

Matthew 27:28 (ESV)

²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

16. **Joseph** came out of the hole alive (37:28). **Jesus** also came out of the hole (tomb) alive (Lk 24:4, 6).

Genesis 37:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

Luke 24:4 (ESV)

⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

Luke 24:6 (ESV)

⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

17. **Joseph** was sold for a trifling sum, compared to his worth, by Judah (37:26–28). **Jesus** was sold for a trifling sum, compared to His worth, by Judas, whose name is the same as the Hebrew “Judah” (Mt 26:14–16).

Genesis 37:26–28 (ESV)

²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

Matthew 26:14–16 (ESV)

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

18. **Joseph** was sought in the hole after he had been delivered alive from it. The seeker was greatly puzzled as to Joseph’s whereabouts (37:29-30). Many sought for **Jesus** at the grave and were greatly puzzled that He was no longer there (Lk 24:1–4; Jn 20:1–15).

Genesis 37:29–30 (ESV)

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰ and returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?”

Luke 24:1–4 (ESV)

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

John 20:1–15 (ESV)

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And

stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

19. **Joseph** had a garment which was dipped in blood (37:31). **Jesus** will also have a garment dipped in blood, for it is said of Him, "He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood" (Rev 19:13).

Genesis 37:31 (ESV)

³¹ Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood.

Revelation 19:13 (ESV)

¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

20. **Joseph's** whereabouts were lied about after his deliverance from the hole (37:31ff). **Jesus'** whereabouts were lied about after His resurrection (Mt 28:11–15).

Genesis 37:31ff (ESV)

³¹ Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³ And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. ³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

Matthew 28:11–15 (ESV)

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken

counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

21. Joseph became a great blessing to Gentile people after his deliverance from the pit (39; 40; 41; 47:13–26). After Jesus rose from the grave, He became a great blessing to the Gentiles through the Gospel (Acts 26:23; Rom 1:16).

Genesis 47:13–26 (ESV)

¹³ Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. ¹⁴ And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh’s house. ¹⁵ And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, “Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone.” ¹⁶ And Joseph answered, “Give your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone.” ¹⁷ So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year. ¹⁸ And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, “We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord’s. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. ¹⁹ Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.”

²⁰ So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh’s. ²¹ As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. ²² Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.

²³ Then Joseph said to the people, “Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. ²⁴ And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones.” ²⁵ And they said, “You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh.” ²⁶ So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh’s.

Acts 26:23 (ESV)

²³ that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

Romans 1:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

22. **Joseph** was humbled by being made a lowly servant (39:1). **Jesus** “humbled himself” and “took upon him the form of a servant” (Phil 2:7-8).

Genesis 39:1 (ESV)

¹ Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.

Philippians 2:7–8 (ESV)

⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

23. **Joseph** prospered in his lowly position because of God’s help (39:2-3, 23). Speaking prophetically of **Jesus** in His lowliness, Isaiah said, “the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand” (Isa 53:10).

Genesis 39:2–3 (ESV)

² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.

Genesis 39:23 (ESV)

²³ The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph’s charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

Isaiah 53:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

24. **Joseph** pleased his master (39:3–6). **Jesus** said, “I do always those things that please Him” (Jn 8:29). God agreed; for He said, “This is my beloved Son, *in whom I am well pleased*” (Mt 3:17; 17:5).

Genesis 39:3–6 (ESV)

³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph’s charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

John 8:29 (ESV)

²⁹ **And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”**

Matthew 3:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 17:5 (ESV)

⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

25. **Joseph** was the cause of great blessing: “the Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake” (39:5). The greatest of all blessings came to mankind because of **Jesus**, for “God in Christ forgave you” (Eph 4:32).

Genesis 39:5 (ESV)

⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field.

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

26. **Joseph** increased in favor with man (39:6, 21). **Jesus** “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.” (Lk 2:52).

Genesis 39:6 (ESV)

⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph’s charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

Genesis 39:21 (ESV)

²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Luke 2:52 (ESV)

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

27. **Joseph** had a great temptation experience in which he refused to yield to the temptation (39:1–12). **Jesus** also had a great temptation experience in which He refused to yield to the temptation (Mt 4:1–11; Lk 4:1–13).

Genesis 39:1–12 (ESV)

¹ Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph’s charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷ And after a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” ⁸ But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” ¹⁰ And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

¹¹ But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹² she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

Matthew 4:1–11 (ESV)

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

“ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“ ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Luke 4:1–13 (ESV)

¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’ ” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.’ ”

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

¹¹ and

“ ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

28. **Joseph’s** temptation experience is divided into three parts (39:7–9; 39:10; 39:11-12). **Jesus’** temptation experience is also divided into three parts (Mt 4:3-4; 4:5–7; 4:8–10).

Genesis 39:7–9 (ESV)

⁷ And after a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” ⁸ But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”

Genesis 39:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

Genesis 39:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹² she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

Matthew 4:3–4 (ESV)

³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

“ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Matthew 4:5–7 (ESV)

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“ ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Matthew 4:8–10 (ESV)

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.’ ”

29. Joseph was falsely accused (39:14ff). Jesus was accused by false witnesses (Mt 26:59-60).

Genesis 39:14ff (ESV)

¹⁴ she called to the men of her household and said to them, “See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. ¹⁵ And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house.” ¹⁶ Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house.”

¹⁹ As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, “This is the way your servant treated me,” his anger was kindled. ²⁰ And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. ²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²² And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph’s charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

Matthew 26:59–60 (ESV)

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward

30. **Joseph** is not recorded giving an answer to the accusation made by Potiphar's wife. **Jesus** "made no further answer" when accused by false witnesses at His trial (Mk 15:5).

Mark 15:5 (ESV)

⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

31. **Joseph** was sentenced by a man (Potiphar) who was unconvinced of his guilt (39:19-20; 40:3-4). **Jesus** was sentenced by a man (Pilate) who was unconvinced of His guilt (Jn 19:6).

Genesis 39:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹ As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

Genesis 40:3–4 (ESV)

³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

John 19:6 (ESV)

⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

32. **Joseph** was innocent, yet he suffered (39:20). **Jesus** was not guilty, but He suffered for it (Isa 53:9; Heb 7:26).

Genesis 39:20 (ESV)

²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

Isaiah 53:9 (ESV)

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Hebrews 7:26 (ESV)

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

33. **Joseph** suffered vicariously, for in his suffering he spared Potiphar's wife. **Jesus** "suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous" (1Pe 3:18).

1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

34. **Joseph** was respected by the guardian (Potiphar) of his suffering (39:21). The centurion exhibited great respect for **Jesus**: "Certainly this man was innocent" (Lk 23:47).

Genesis 39:21 (ESV)

²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Luke 23:47 (ESV)

⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

35. **Joseph** was numbered with the transgressors, particularly with two transgressors (40:1–3). **Jesus** was "numbered with the transgressors" (Mk 15:27-28), particularly two thieves.

Genesis 40:1–3 (ESV)

¹ Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined.

Mark 15:27–28 (ESV)

²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.

36. **Joseph** brought blessing to one transgressor (the butler, 40:13), but not to the other (the baker, 40:19). **Jesus** brought blessing to one of the thieves crucified with Him, but not to the other (Lk 23:39–43).

Genesis 40:13 (ESV)

¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer.

Genesis 40:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

Luke 23:39–43 (ESV)

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

37. Joseph demonstrated knowledge of the future in prison (Gen 40) and throughout his life. Jesus spoke prophetically throughout His life, as well as from the cross. (See, for example, Mt 24 and Lk 23:43).

Genesis 40 (ESV)

¹ Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

⁵ And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in custody in his master’s house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” ⁸ They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand.” ¹² Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh’s cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵ For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸ And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three

days. ¹⁹ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

²⁰ On the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Matthew 24 (ESV)

¹ Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵ “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be

shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 23:43 (ESV)

⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

38. **Joseph’s** predictions were never proven wrong. No one has ever proven **Jesus** to be wrong in any of His predictions about the future either.

39. **Joseph** was put in the place of death (prison was often the end of the road for many) where aristocracy was placed (39:20; 40:1–3). **Jesus** was put in the place of death (the tomb) where aristocracy was placed (Isa 53:9; Mt 27:57–60).

Genesis 39:20 (ESV)

²⁰ And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

Genesis 40:1–3 (ESV)

¹ Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined.

Isaiah 53:9 (ESV)

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Matthew 27:57–60 (ESV)

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

40. Joseph sought to comfort others, even though he was experiencing suffering himself (40:7ff). Jesus, while experiencing the agonies of Calvary, provided a home for His mother Mary (Jn 19:26, 27) and comforted the thief with the promise of Paradise (Lk 23:43).

Genesis 40:7ff (ESV)

⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?" ⁸ They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." ¹² Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵ For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head." ¹⁸ And Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three

days. ¹⁹ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

²⁰ On the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

John 19:26 (ESV)

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**”

John 19:27 (ESV)

²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Luke 23:43 (ESV)

⁴³ And he said to him, “**Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.**”

41. **Joseph** proclaimed Divine revelation to those who were in prison (40:8–19) which included giving the message of deliverance to a captive (40:12-13). **Jesus** “proclaimed to the spirits in prison” (1Pe 3:19). And He gave a message of deliverance to captives of the prison of sin, for He came to “proclaim liberty to the captives” (Lk 4:18).

Genesis 40:8–19 (ESV)

⁸ They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand.”

¹² Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh’s cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵ For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my

head.”¹⁸ And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days.¹⁹ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

1 Peter 3:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,

Luke 4:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

42. **Joseph** wanted the butler to remember him: “remember me, when it is well with you” (40:14). **Jesus** desires to be remembered. In giving the Lord’s Supper, He said, “Do this in remembrance of me” (Lk 22:19).

Genesis 40:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house.

Luke 22:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

43. **Joseph** wanted to be made known to others, so he told the butler, “mention me to Pharaoh” (40:14). **Jesus** wants to be made known to others, therefore, He told the disciples before His ascension, “you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8).

Genesis 40:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

44. **Joseph** was delivered from the place of death (the prison) by the power of God, who caused Pharaoh to dream as he did (41:1, 25). “God raised Him up” (Acts 2:24) was Peter’s testimony regarding **Jesus’** deliverance from the grave.

Genesis 41:1 (ESV)

¹ After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile,

Genesis 41:25 (ESV)

²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

Acts 2:24 (ESV)

²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

45. **Joseph** was given a change of clothes (41:14). **Jesus**, too, had to be given a change of raiment after His deliverance, for His grave clothes were left in the tomb (Jn 20:6, 7).

Genesis 41:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.

John 20:6 (ESV)

⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.

46. **Joseph** was the means by which God’s peace came to man (41:16). **Jesus** is the means by which God’s peace comes to man, for “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 5:1).

Genesis 41:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”

Romans 5:1 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

47. **Joseph** was faithful in warning of coming danger (41:25ff). **Jesus** repeatedly warned of coming eternal danger (e.g. Mt 10:28; 24:36–51).

Genesis 41:25ff (ESV)

²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. ²⁷ The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. ²⁸ It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁹ There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, ³⁰ but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, ³¹ and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. ³² And the doubling of Pharaoh’s dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. ³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ³⁶ That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

³⁷ This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. ⁴³ And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” ⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁷ During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, ⁴⁸ and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. ⁴⁹ And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

⁵⁰ Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On, bore them to him. ⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. “For,” he said, “God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father’s house.” ⁵² The

name of the second he called Ephraim, “For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

⁵³ The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, ⁵⁴ and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

⁵⁶ So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

Matthew 10:28 (ESV)

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 24:36–51 (ESV)

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

48. **Joseph** was a wonderful counsellor. This is especially seen in the advice he gave Pharaoh regarding preparation for the famine (41:33–36). Isa 9:6 prophetically speaks of **Jesus** as the Wonderful Counsellor.

Genesis 41:33–36 (ESV)

³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the

produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ³⁶ That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

49. **Joseph** was acclaimed because he did not speak as others (the magicians), but had spiritual understanding and discretion (41:37–39). Of **Jesus** it is written, “No one ever spoke like this man!” (Jn 7:46); “he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes” (Mt 7:29).

Genesis 41:37–39 (ESV)

³⁷ This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are.

John 7:46 (ESV)

⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!”

Matthew 7:29 (ESV)

²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

50. **Joseph** was acknowledged as “discerning and wise” (41:39). Paul wrote of **Jesus**, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col 2:3).

Genesis 41:39 (ESV)

³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are.

Colossians 2:3 (ESV)

³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

51. **Joseph** was given great authority (41:40-41). **Jesus** has been given great authority: “For as the Father ... has given him authority to execute judgment” (Jn 5:26-27).

Genesis 41:40–41 (ESV)

⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

John 5:26–27 (ESV)

²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

52. **Joseph** was exalted by others; they were to “bow the knee” to him (41:43). **Jesus** is to be exalted, and “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow” (Phil 2:10).

Genesis 41:43 (ESV)

⁴³ And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Philippians 2:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

53. **Joseph** was given a name of great honor (41:45). Paul wrote of **Jesus**, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil 2:9).

Genesis 41:45 (ESV)

⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Philippians 2:9 (ESV)

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

54. **Joseph** was given a Gentile bride during the time of his rejection of his brethren (41:45). **Jesus** is being given a Gentile bride—the Church—during the time of His rejection by His own—the Jews (Acts 15:14–17; Rom 11:11).

Genesis 41:45 (ESV)

⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Acts 15:14–17 (ESV)

¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. ¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶ “ ‘After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,
¹⁷ that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these things

Romans 11:11 (ESV)

¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

55. Joseph was thirty years old when he began his public ministry (41:46). Jesus was thirty years old when He began His public ministry on earth (Lk 3:23).

Genesis 41:46 (ESV)

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

Luke 3:23 (ESV)

²³ Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,

56. Joseph was had an itinerant ministry, going “throughout all the land of Egypt” (41:46). Jesus “went about all Galilee” (Mt 4:23) and “about all the cities and villages” (Mt 9:35).

Genesis 41:46 (ESV)

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

Matthew 4:23 (ESV)

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Matthew 9:35 (ESV)

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

57. **Joseph** possessed great resources (41:49). **Jesus** has great resources; for He is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4), “rich unto all that call upon him” (Rom 10:12), and has “abundant mercy” (1Pe 1:3).

Genesis 41:49 (ESV)

⁴⁹ And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

Ephesians 2:4 (ESV)

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

58. **Joseph** was announced as the one to whom all should go in their distress (41:55). The oft-repeated message of the Word of God is to go to **Jesus** in our distress and He will bring relief (Mt 11:28).

Genesis 41:55 (ESV)

⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

Matthew 11:28 (ESV)

²⁸ **Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

59. **Joseph’s** authority was acknowledged when Pharaoh said to the people, “What he says to you, do” (41:55). **Jesus’** authority was acknowledged when Mary said, “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5).

Genesis 41:55 (ESV)

⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

John 2:5 (ESV)

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

60. **Joseph** dispensed the bread of life to those who came to him and kept them from perishing from hunger (41:55-56). **Jesus** said, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger” (Jn 6:35).

Genesis 41:55–56 (ESV)

⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

⁵⁶ So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

John 6:35 (ESV)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

61. **Joseph’s** name was the only name given to those who were perishing from the famine (41:55–57). **Jesus** is the only “name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Genesis 41:55–57 (ESV)

⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

⁵⁶ So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

62. **Joseph** was great but was unknown by some (42:7, 8). **Jesus** is the great but He is also unknown by some (Jn 1:10).

Genesis 42:7–8 (ESV)

⁷ Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” ⁸ And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

John 1:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

63. **Joseph** knew his brothers, though they did not know him (42:7-8). **Jesus** “he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man” (Jn 2:24-25) though men did not know Him.

Genesis 42:7–8 (ESV)

⁷ Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” ⁸ And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

John 2:24–25 (ESV)

²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

64. **Joseph’s** brothers would not heed his pleas for deliverance (42:21). **Jesus’** brethren according to the flesh (the Jews) would not heed Him (Mt 23:37).

Genesis 42:21 (ESV)

²¹ Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.”

Matthew 23:37 (ESV)

³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

65. **Joseph’s** betrayers were greatly grieved over their evil deed of selling him and in their grief they mentioned his blood (42:21-22). **Jesus’** betrayer Judas was greatly grieved over his deed of selling Christ; and in his grief, he mentioned the blood of the One he had betrayed (Mt 27:3–5).

Genesis 42:21–22 (ESV)

²¹ Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.” ²² And Reuben answered them, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.”

Matthew 27:3–5 (ESV)

³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵ And

throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

66. **Joseph** intentionally spoke in a language which his brothers would not understand (42:23). **Jesus** spoke in a language which natural man could not understand (Jn 8:43), and He did so intentionally (Mt 13).

Genesis 42:23 (ESV)

²³ They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them.

John 8:43 (ESV)

⁴³ **Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.**

Matthew 13 (ESV)

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: **“A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”**

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, **“Why do you speak to them in parables?”** ¹¹ And he answered them, **“To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:**

**“ ‘You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”**

¹⁵ **For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’**

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ”

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables;

I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

⁵³ And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, ⁵⁴ and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” ⁵⁸ And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

67. **Joseph’s** words were understood because of the work of an interpreter (42:23). The words of **Jesus** are understood as to their spiritual meaning by the work of the great Interpreter—the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:12–15).

Genesis 42:23 (ESV)

²³ They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them.

John 16:12–15 (ESV)

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

68. **Joseph** wept on several occasions, a manifestation of his great compassion (42:24; 45:2). “**Jesus** wept” (Jn 11:35) is a fitting description of His great compassion (Mt 9:36; 14:14).

Genesis 42:24 (ESV)

²⁴ Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

Genesis 45:2 (ESV)

² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

John 11:35 (ESV)

³⁵ Jesus wept.

Matthew 9:36 (ESV)

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 14:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

69. **Joseph** asked his brothers to dine when he was unknown to them (43:16). **Jesus** asked the disciple to “come and dine” right after He had been unknown to them (Jn 21:4, 12).

Genesis 43:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, “Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon.”

John 21:4 (ESV)

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

John 21:12 (ESV)

¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.

70. **Joseph** told his servants, “Set on bread” to feed the people (43:31). **Jesus** told His servants, “You give them something to eat” (Mk 6:37), and “Feed my sheep” (Jn 21:16, 17).

Genesis 43:31 (ESV)

³¹ Then he washed his face and came out. And controlling himself he said, “Serve the food.”

Mark 6:37 (ESV)

³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”

John 21:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

John 21:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

71. **Joseph** set his guests, whom he was feeding, in companies (43:32). When **Jesus** fed the multitude, “he commanded them all to sit down in groups” (Mk 6:39).

Genesis 43:32 (ESV)

³² They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

Mark 6:39 (ESV)

³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.

72. **Joseph** amazed his seniors (his older brothers) by his knowledge when they did not know who he was (43:33). **Jesus** amazed His seniors (the teachers in the Temple) with His knowledge when He was but twelve years old and unknown to them (Lk 2:46-47).

Genesis 43:33 (ESV)

³³ And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth. And the men looked at one another in amazement.

Luke 2:46–47 (ESV)

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

73. **Joseph** was made known to his brothers the second time they came to Egypt (Gen 45:3; Acts 7:13). **Jesus** will be made known to His brethren (the Jews) when He comes to earth the second time (Zech 12:10–14).

Genesis 45:3 (ESV)

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

Acts 7:13 (ESV)

¹³ And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh.

Zechariah 12:10–14 (ESV)

¹⁰ “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹ On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³ the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴ and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

74. **Joseph’s** revelation of himself to his brothers greatly upset them (45:3). When **Jesus** is revealed to His brethren (the Jews), they, too, will be very upset. “On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be...great” (Zech 12:11).

Genesis 45:3 (ESV)

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

Zechariah 12:11 (ESV)

¹¹ On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

75. **Joseph** was revealed to his brothers when their trouble was at its peak (45:3, cp. chapter 44). **Jesus** will be revealed in all His glory to His brethren (the Jews) when their trouble has reached its peak. (Mt 24:15–29 describes the trouble; Mt 24:30 tells us “then” Jesus will be revealed).

Genesis 45:3 (ESV)

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

Matthew 24:15–30 (ESV)

¹⁵ “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

76. **Joseph** sought the wayward to “come near” him (45:4). The work of **Jesus** is to bring “near” those who were “far off” (Eph 2:13).

Genesis 45:4 (ESV)

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

Ephesians 2:13 (ESV)

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

77. **Joseph** spoke gracious words to his evil brothers (45:4–8). **Jesus** spoke graciously to His wicked brethren at Nazareth, and “all...marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth” (Lk 4:22).

Genesis 45:4–8 (ESV)

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Luke 4:22 (ESV)

²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

78. Joseph gave the forgiven (his brothers) a commission to “Go ... and say” (45:9). Jesus gives the forgiven a commission to “Go ... and preach” (Mk 16:15).

Genesis 45:9 (ESV)

⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry.

Mark 16:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ And he said to them, **“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.**

79. Joseph was served faithfully by the forgiven because of what he had done for them in forgiving them and supplying their need (45). Jesus should be served faithfully for the very same reason (Rom 12:1).

Genesis 45 (ESV)

¹ Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all

the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

¹⁶ When the report was heard in Pharaoh’s house, “Joseph’s brothers have come,” it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. ¹⁷ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸ and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.’ ¹⁹ And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, ‘Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰ Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.’ ”

²¹ The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²² To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. ²³ To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. ²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the way.”

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶ And they told him, “Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷ But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸ And Israel said, “It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

Romans 12:1 (ESV)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

80. Joseph invited the weary ones to “come ... to me” (45:9), and he would give them rest from the burden of the famine. **Jesus** said, “Come unto me ... and I will give you rest” from the burdens of sin (Mt 11:28).

Genesis 45:9 (ESV)

⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry.

Matthew 11:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

81. **Joseph** called Jacob's family to fellowship with him (45:9-10). Man has been "called into the fellowship of ... **Jesus**" (1Co 1:9).

Genesis 45:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

1 Corinthians 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

82. **Joseph** was the one by whom God would supply the needs of His people (45:11). Paul said God would supply our needs by **Jesus** (Phil 4:19).

Genesis 45:11 (ESV)

¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

83. **Joseph**, by going through deep poverty (slavery and prison) was able to prevent others from experiencing poverty (45:11). **Jesus** "for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2Co 8:9).

Genesis 45:11 (ESV)

¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

84. **Joseph** amply enabled those who served him (45:21). We who serve **Jesus** will find we "can do all things through him who strengthens" us (Phil 4:13).

Genesis 45:21 (ESV)

²¹ The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

85. **Joseph** came to Israel (Jacob) and presented himself in all his glory (46:29). When **Jesus** presents Himself to Israel, He “shall come in his glory” (Mt 25:31).

Genesis 46:29 (ESV)

²⁹ Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

Matthew 25:31 (ESV)

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

86. **Joseph** came to Israel with “his chariot” (46:29). When **Jesus** comes to Israel, He will come “with his chariots” (Isa 66:15).

Genesis 46:29 (ESV)

²⁹ Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

Isaiah 66:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ “For behold, the LORD will come in fire,
and his chariots like the whirlwind,
to render his anger in fury,
and his rebuke with flames of fire.

87. **Joseph** secured the rich pasture land of Goshen for those who had come to him (46:31–34; 47:5-6). All those who come to **Jesus** “shall ... find pasture” (Jn 10:9).

Genesis 46:31–34 (ESV)

³¹ Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, “I will go up and tell Pharaoh and will say to him, ‘My brothers and my father’s household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. ³² And the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.’ ³³ When Pharaoh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation?’ ³⁴ you shall say, ‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock

from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.”

Genesis 47:5–6 (ESV)

⁵ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶ The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

John 10:9 (ESV)

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

88. **Joseph** instructed his own concerning what to say when they came before the king (46:33, 34). **Jesus** told His own that when they came “before kings and rulers ... I will give you a mouth and wisdom [the right words to say]” (Lk 21:12, 15).

Genesis 46:33 (ESV)

³³ When Pharaoh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation?’

Genesis 46:34 (ESV)

³⁴ you shall say, ‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.”

Luke 21:12 (ESV)

¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.

Luke 21:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

89. **Joseph** presented some of his brothers, who were guilty of great evil in their treatment of Joseph, uncondemned before the throne (47:2). **Jesus** will “present you blameless before the presence of his glory” (Jude 24).

Genesis 47:2 (ESV)

² And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh.

Jude 24 (ESV)

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

90. **Joseph**, when in his glory, placed Israel (Jacob and his family) in “the best of the land” (47:6). When **Jesus** reigns in His glory on the earth, Israel will be given the best of the land in which to dwell (Isa 51:3).

Genesis 47:6 (ESV)

⁶ The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

Isaiah 51:3 (ESV)

³ For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

91. **Joseph** made it possible for Israel (Jacob) to bless the Gentiles (represented by Pharaoh; 47:7, 10). **Jesus** is the reason Israel (the Jews) can so greatly bless the Gentiles (Gal 3:8).

Genesis 47:7 (ESV)

⁷ Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

Genesis 47:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.

Galatians 3:8 (ESV)

⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

92. **Joseph’s** protection of Jacob and his family was because of the blood relationship he had with them (47:12). **Jesus** protects His own because of the blood (1Pe 1:18-19).

Genesis 47:12 (ESV)

¹² And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

1 Peter 1:18–19 (ESV)

¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

93. **Joseph** was able to supply food when “no food in all the land” (47:13). **Jesus** supplied food for a multitude of people when they had “nothing to eat” (Mk 8:2).

Genesis 47:13 (ESV)

¹³ Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine.

Mark 8:2 (ESV)

² “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.

94. **Joseph** was the savior of man from death (47:19–25). **Jesus** is the great Savior of man from death. All who believe in Him shall “not perish, but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

Genesis 47:19–25 (ESV)

¹⁹ Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.”

²⁰ So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh's. ²¹ As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. ²² Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.

²³ Then Joseph said to the people, “Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. ²⁴ And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones.” ²⁵ And they said, “You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh.”

John 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

95. **Joseph** “bought” those who were famished in order to save them (47:19, 23). We who are saved by **Jesus** are “bought with a price” (1Co 6:20). He “obtained [us] with his own blood” (Acts 20:28).

Genesis 47:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.”

Genesis 47:23 (ESV)

²³ Then Joseph said to the people, “Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (ESV)

²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Acts 20:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

96. **Joseph** was the one to whom Jacob could safely commit himself in death (47:29–31). **Jesus** is the One to Whom we can safely commit ourselves in death, for “he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me” (2Tim 1:12).

Genesis 47:29–31 (ESV)

²⁹ And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, “If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, ³⁰ but let me lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place.” He answered, “I will do as you have said.” ³¹ And he said, “Swear to me”; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed.

2 Timothy 1:12 (ESV)

¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

97. **Joseph** is pictured as a vine (49:22; “bough” can be either a vine or tree). **Jesus** said, “I am the true vine” (Jn 15:1).

Genesis 49:22 (ESV)

²² “Joseph is a fruitful bough,
a fruitful bough by a spring;
his branches run over the wall.

John 15:1 (ESV)

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

98. **Joseph** was “fruitful ... by a spring” (49:22). Jn 4:5–42 tells us how **Jesus** was fruitful in dealing with the Samaritan woman by a well. The result was the salvation of many—fruitfulness indeed.

Genesis 49:22 (ESV)

²² “Joseph is a fruitful bough,
a fruitful bough by a spring;
his branches run over the wall.

John 4:5–42 (ESV)

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

99. **Joseph** greatly honored his father (50:1–12). **Jesus** honored His Father. He said, “I glorified you on earth” (Jn 17:4).

Genesis 50:1–12 (ESV)

¹ Then Joseph fell on his father’s face and wept over him and kissed him. ² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. ³ Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

⁴ And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ⁵ ‘My father made me swear, saying, “I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me.” Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return.’ ” ⁶ And Pharaoh answered, “Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear.” ⁷ So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸ as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father’s household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. ⁹ And there went up with him both

chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. ¹⁰ When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days. ¹¹ When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, “This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians.” Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. ¹² Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them,

John 17:4 (ESV)

⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

100. Joseph was a great fear remover. He told his brothers to “fear not” (50:19, 21). Jesus is the great fear remover. He said, “Fear not, little flock” (Lk 12:32).

Genesis 50:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?”

Genesis 50:21 (ESV)

²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Luke 12:32 (ESV)

³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

101. Joseph permanently pardoned his brothers and would not cast them out when they came to him (50:15–21). Jesus permanently pardons and will not cast out those who come to Him. “whoever comes to me I will never cast out” (Jn 6:37).

Genesis 50:15–21 (ESV)

¹⁵ When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.” ’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

John 6:37 (ESV)

³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.