

Joseph As A Type Of Christ

Similarities	Joseph	Jesus
Both are first-born.	Genesis 30:22-24(of Rachel)	Matthew 1:25 (of Mary)
Both are shepherds.	Genesis 37:2	Matthew 2:26, 26:31 John 10:11
Both are the most loved of their fathers.	Genesis 37:3	Matthew 3:17, 12:18
Both were prophecied to be rulers.	Genesis 37:5-11	Daniel 7:13-14 Micah 4:7,5:2 Psalm 2
Both Joseph's and Jesus' brothers were jealous of them, and did not believe them.	Genesis 37:4-5, 11	John 7:3-5, 15:18-19
The prophecies that Joseph would rule his brothers (the tribes of Israel), and Jesus would rule the whole world, including Israel.	Genesis 37:6-11	Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 2:1-12
Joseph was sent by his father to his brothers. Jesus was sent by His Father to Israel.	Genesis 37:13,18-20	Matthew 21:37-38, Mark 12:6-7, Luke 20:13-15, John 5:23
Joseph was apparently put to death, and Jesus truly, by their own people to get them out of the way.	Genesis 37:18-28	Acts 2:22-23
Reuben wanted to rescue Joseph. Pilate wanted to rescue Jesus.	Genesis 37:21-22	Matthew 27:24
Joseph was sold as a slave to Egypt. Jesus was betrayed for the price of a slave.	Genesis 37:26-28	Matthew 26:15, Exodus 21:32, Zechariah 11:12-13
Both went to Egypt.	Genesis 37:28	Matthew 2:13-15
Both were made slaves.	Genesis 39:1	Philippians 2:7
Both were falsely accused.	Genesis 39:11-20	Matthew 26:59-61

Jehovah was with them both.	Genesis 39:3,21,23 Acts 7:9	Acts 10:38 Luke 2:52 John 1:1-2, 3:2
Both were with two others condemned to die, one of which was pardoned and given life.	Genesis 40:1-3,20-22	Luke 23:32,39-43
God's Spirit indwelt them both.	Genesis 41:38	Luke 4:1 Acts 10:38
The king of Egypt exalted Joseph ruler over all to bring all under the king's rule. Jesus is exalted to bring all under God's rule.	Genesis 41:40-44	Acts 2:32-33 1 Corinthians 15:27-28
All knees bowed to Joseph. All knees will bow to Jesus.	Genesis 41:43	Philippians 2:10
Both were given a name meaning Savior.	Genesis 41:45("Savior of the World" or "Sustainer of Life")	Matthew 1:21("Jehovah is Salvation")
Both were given a gentile bride by the King.	Genesis 41:45	2 Corinthians 11:2
Troubled times come during their rule. 7 years of "tribulation".	Genesis 41:54-55	Mark 13:8 Jeremiah 30:7
The king of Egypt appointed Joseph to be the sole source of life for all. God appointed Jesus to be our sole source of eternal life.	Genesis 41:55-57	Acts 4:12 1 John 5:11-12
Joseph's brothers did not recognize him. Jesus' own people didn't either.	Genesis 42:8	John 1:10
Trouble for Joseph's brothers. Trouble for Israel ("Jacob's trouble").	Genesis 42:21-22,36	Isaiah 40:1-2 Jeremiah 30:7
Joseph was finally revealed to his brothers. Jesus to finally be revealed to Israel.	Genesis 45:3	Zechariah 12:10 Matthew 24:30-31 Revelation 1:7
The evil Joseph's brothers intended God meant for good to save them. The same is true of the evil Jesus' own people intended to him...	Genesis 45:5-8 Genesis 50:20	Acts 3:12-18
...therefore they are forgiven.	Genesis 45:5,10-15	Luke 23:34

Joseph's brothers shared Pharaoh's favor because of Joseph, not themselves. We share God's favor because of Jesus, not because we are worthy.	Genesis 45:16-20	Ephesians 2:4-8 Philippians 4:19
Both are to bring all under rule of the King.	Genesis 47:19-20	Ephesians 1:10-12
Both are Savior	Genesis 47:25	Acts 13:23
Joseph's sons (Manasseh and Ephriam) come through his gentile wife and are given full tribe status. Gentiles who believe are considered full members of God's people.	Genesis 48:5,9	Hebrews 2:13(Isaiah 8:18) Acts 28:28
While only Jesus was truly sinless, Joseph is one of the few people significantly written about in the Bible of which no sins are mentioned.	(silent)	1 Peter 2:22