

## SIMILARITIES BETWEEN JESUS & JOSEPH

| <b>Similarities</b>  | <b>Joseph</b>                              | <b>Jesus</b>  |
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| Both are first-born.   | <b><u>Genesis 30:22-24</u></b> (of Rachel) | <b><u>Matthew 1:25</u></b> (of Mary)                                  |
| Both are shepherds.  | <b><u>Genesis 37:2</u></b>                 | <b><u>Matthew 2:26, 26:31</u></b><br><b><u>John 10:11</u></b>         |
| Both are the most loved of their fathers.  | <b><u>Genesis 37:3</u></b>                 | <b><u>Matthew 3:17, 12:18</u></b>                                     |
| Both were prophecied to be rulers.   | <b><u>Genesis 37:5-11</u></b>              | <b><u>Daniel 7:13-14</u></b><br><b><u>Micah 4:7, 5:2</u></b>          |
| Both Joseph's and Jesus' brothers were jealous of them, and did not believe them.  | <b><u>Genesis 37:4-5, 11</u></b>           | <b><u>John 7:3-5, 15:18-19</u></b>                                    |
| The prophecies that Joseph would rule his brothers (the tribes of Israel), and Jesus would rule the whole world, including Israel. | <b><u>Genesis 37:6-11</u></b>              | <b><u>Daniel 7:13-14</u></b><br><b><u>Psalms 2:1-12</u></b>           |
| Joseph was sent by his father to his brothers. Jesus was sent by His Father to Israel.   | <b><u>Genesis 37:13, 18-20</u></b>         | <b><u>Matthew 21:37-38, Mark 12:6-7, Luke 20:13-15, John 5:23</u></b> |
| Both were stripped of their coat.  | <b><u>Genesis 37:23</u></b>                | <b><u>John 19:23</u></b>  |
| The coat was dipped in blood.  | <b><u>Genesis 37:31</u></b>                | <b><u>Revelation 19:13</u></b>  |
| Both were sold by one of the 12 named Judah (Greek 'Judas').   | <b><u>Genesis 37:26-27</u></b>             | <b><u>Matthew 26:15, 27:9</u></b>                                     |
| Joseph was sold as a slave to Egypt. Jesus was betrayed for the price of a slave.  | <b><u>Genesis 37:26-28</u></b>             | <b><u>Matthew 26:15, Exodus 21:32, Zechariah 11:12-13</u></b>         |
| Both went to Egypt.  | <b><u>Genesis 37:28</u></b>                | <b><u>Matthew 2:13-15</u></b>   |

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| Both were falsely accused...  | <b><u>Genesis</u></b><br><b><u>39:11-20</u></b>                              | <b><u>Matthew</u></b><br><b><u>26:59-61</u></b>                                      |
| ...and punished.  | <b><u>Genesis 39:20</u></b>  | <b><u>Matthew 27:35</u></b>  |
| Yahweh was with them both.  | <b><u>Genesis</u></b><br><b><u>39:3,21,23</u></b><br><b><u>Acts 7:9</u></b>  | <b><u>Acts 10:38</u></b><br><b><u>Luke 2:52</u></b><br><b><u>John 1:1-2, 3:2</u></b> |
| Both were with two others condemned to die, one of which was pardoned and given life.   | <b><u>Genesis</u></b><br><b><u>40:1-3,20-22</u></b>                          | <b><u>Luke</u></b><br><b><u>23:32,39-43</u></b>                                      |
| God's Spirit indwelt them both.   | <b><u>Genesis 41:38</u></b>  | <b><u>Luke 4:1</u></b><br><b><u>Acts 10:38</u></b>                                   |
| All knees bowed to Joseph. All knees will bow to Jesus.   | <b><u>Genesis 41:43</u></b>  | <b><u>Philippians 2:10</u></b>   |
| Both were given a name meaning Saviour.   | <b><u>Genesis 41:45</u></b><br>("Saviour of the World")                      | <b><u>Matthew 1:21</u></b><br>("Yahweh is Salvation")                                |
| Joseph's brothers did not recognize him. Jesus' own people didn't either.   | <b><u>Genesis</u></b><br><b><u>42:7-8</u></b>                                | <b><u>John 1:10</u></b>  |
| Both offer forgiveness to those who sought to destroy them.   | <b><u>Genesis 45:5,</u></b><br><b><u>50:17-21</u></b>                        | <b><u>Luke 23:34, Acts</u></b><br><b><u>5:31</u></b>                                 |
| 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...          | <b><u>Genesis</u></b><br><b><u>45:5-8</u></b><br><b><u>Genesis 50:20</u></b> | <b><u>Acts 3:12-18</u></b>   |
| ...therefore they are forgiven.   | <b><u>Genesis</u></b><br><b><u>45:5,10-15</u></b>                            | <b><u>Luke 23:34</u></b>   |
| Joseph's brothers shared Pharaoh's favour because of Joseph, not themselves. We share God's favour because of Jesus, not because we are worthy. | <b><u>Genesis</u></b><br><b><u>45:16-20</u></b>                              | <b><u>Ephesians 2:4-8</u></b><br><b><u>Philippians 4:19</u></b>                      |

"We are supposed to walk away from the end of Genesis thinking the king coming from the line of Judah is going to have a story like Joseph's story. And that's what the author intended". *Tim Mackie: The Bible Project.*