

“Meant for Good”
Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 12 - Gen. 37-50
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I. All Scripture Points to Christ

Luke 24:27 - Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

John 5:46 - For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.

II. Joseph’s Story Previews Christ’s

A. Both were their father’s beloved son (Gen. 37:3).

Matthew 3:17 - and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

John 3:35 - The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

B. Both were rejected by their brethren (Gen. 37).

John 1:11 - He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

John 7:5 - For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

Isaiah 53:3a - He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...

C. Both were falsely accused (Gen. 39).

1. Joseph by Potiphar’s wife
2. Jesus by practically everyone

D. Both suffered due to false accusations (Gen 39 and following).

1. Joseph in prison
2. Jesus on the cross and in the grave

E. Both were exalted after suffering (Gen. 41:38-44).

Philippians 2:8–11 - ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- F. Both brought salvation to the nations (Gen. 41:55-57).

Galatians 3:13–14 - ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”—¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles [nations], so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- G. Both desired those who sinned against them to be with them (Gen. 45:3-5).

John 17:24 - Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

- H. Both endured evil that God meant for good (Gen. 50:20).

Acts 2:23 - This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.