

# Christ in the Life of Joseph

## Typology

The life and ministry of Jesus are often foreshadowed in the Old Testament, neatly hidden in its events and characters (called types). The life of Joseph is a perfect example. Listed below are some similarities between the two men.

| Aspects in Common   | Joseph                   | Jesus                       |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Both were hated by their brothers                                       | <i>Genesis 37:4</i>      | <i>John 7:5</i>             |
| Others conspired against them   | <i>Genesis 37:20</i>     | <i>John 11:53</i>           |
| Their robes were taken from them  | <i>Genesis 37:23</i>     | <i>John 19:23</i>           |
| Both were once dead to their loved ones                                 | <i>Genesis 37:31-34</i>  | <i>Matthew 27:50</i>        |
| They ended up in Egypt  | <i>Genesis 37:25</i>     | <i>Matthew 2:14, 15</i>     |
| They were sold for the price of a slave                                 | <i>Genesis 37:28</i>     | <i>Matthew 26:15</i>        |
| Both were tempted   | <i>Genesis 39:7</i>      | <i>Matthew 4:1</i>          |
| They were falsely accused   | <i>Genesis 39:7</i>      | <i>Matthew 26:59, 60</i>    |
| Both were bound in chains   | <i>Genesis 39:20</i>     | <i>Matthew 27:2</i>         |
| They were placed with two prisoners (one was saved, the other was lost) | <i>Genesis 40:2, 3</i>   | <i>Luke 23:32</i>           |
| Both were at age 30 at the beginning of their public recognition        | <i>Genesis 41:46</i>     | <i>Luke 3:23</i>            |
| They forgave those who harmed them                                      | <i>Genesis 45:1-15</i>   | <i>Luke 23:34</i>           |
| They were both made Lord of all   | <i>Genesis 45:8, 9</i>   | <i>Matthew 28:18</i>        |
| Both saved their people from death                                      | <i>Genesis 45:7, 11</i>  | <i>Matthew 1:21</i>         |
| Their resurrection brought new life, hope                               | <i>Genesis 45:26, 27</i> | <i>Matthew 28:1-8</i>       |
| Both were reunited with their father                                    | <i>Genesis 46:49</i>     | <i>John 20:17</i>           |
| Their suffering was used for good                                       | <i>Genesis 50:20</i>     | <i>1 Corinthians 2:7, 8</i> |
| Both were exalted after suffering                                       | <i>Genesis 41:41</i>     | <i>Philippians 2:9-11</i>   |