

Christ in the Life of Moses

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 Moses is an example. Listed below are some similarities between the two men.

Aspects in Common	Moses	Jesus
They were nearly killed as babies by cruel kings	<i>Exodus 1:15, 16</i>	<i>Matthew 2:16</i>
Both spent their childhood in Egypt	<i>Exodus 2:1-10</i>	<i>Matthew 2:13</i>
Both gave up royalty to become humble men	<i>Hebrews 11:24</i>	<i>Hebrews 1:2</i> <i>Philippians 2:6-8</i>
They were rejected by their own people	<i>Exodus 2:11-14</i>	<i>Matthew 12:24; 27:22</i>
Both saved women at a well	<i>Exodus 2:15</i>	<i>John 4:4, 6</i>
Both were shepherds	<i>Exodus 3:1</i>	<i>John 10:11, 14</i>
Both had Gentile brides (Jesus & Church)	<i>Exodus 2:15-22</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 11:2</i>
They rescued people in bondage	<i>Exodus 3:7-10</i>	<i>Romans 6:23</i>
Both turned water into another substance	<i>Exodus 7:20</i>	<i>John 2:1-9</i>
They demonstrated control over the sea	<i>Exodus 14:21</i>	<i>Matthew 8:27</i>
Both were nearly stoned to death	<i>Exodus 17:4</i>	<i>John 8:59; 10:31</i>
They provided bread and water to people	<i>Exodus 16:1-7</i> <i>Numbers 20:11</i>	<i>John 4:14; 7:37</i>
Both chose groups of twelve	<i>Deuteronomy 1:23</i>	<i>Mark 3:13, 14</i>
They commissioned a group of 70	<i>Numbers 11:16</i>	<i>Luke 10:1</i>
Both healed the sick and dying	<i>Numbers 21:6-9</i>	<i>Matthew 9:18-35</i>
Their first miracles were with water and leprosy	<i>Exodus 4:1-9</i>	<i>John 2:1-9</i> <i>Matthew 8:1-4</i>
Both fasted for 40 days	<i>Exodus 34:28</i>	<i>Matthew 4:2</i>
Both appeared after their deaths	<i>Matthew 17:3</i>	<i>Luke 24</i>