

Joseph, A Type and Shadow of Christ

Joseph, a beloved Son of Jacob	Jesus, the beloved Son of God
Hated by his brothers	Hated by His brothers (John 15:25)
Sent by his father to his brothers	Sent by His Father to His Jewish brothers (John 5:23, 6:57)
Tended sheep	Described as the Chief Shepherd (1Pe 5:4)
Loved by his father more than his other brothers	Loved by His Father as the only son (Mat 3:17, John 17:24)
Announced his future reign over his family through a dream	Gabriel announces His reign over the house of Jacob (Luke 1:33)
Brothers do not want Joseph reigning and ruling over them	His citizens do not want Jesus reigning over them (Luke 19:14)
His brothers were jealous of him	Jews put Him to death out of envy (Mat 27:18)
His brothers conspired to kill him	Pharisees conspired against Him to put Him to death (Mat 12:14)
Stripped him of his robe and dipped it in the blood of an animal to create the impression Joseph was dead	Stripped Him of His scarlet robe before His death and He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood (Mat 27:31; Rev 19:13)
Sold for 20 pieces of silver	Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Mat 26:15)
Thought to be dead from a bloody attack by a vicious animal	Experienced a bloody death by men acting like animals
Escaped death by means of a trip to Egypt	Escaped death by means of a trip to Egypt (Mat 2:13)
The Lord was with Joseph in Potiphar's house and prison	The power and Spirit of the Lord was with Jesus (Luke 4:18)
Joseph was a servant to Potiphar and the prison guard	Christ came not to be served but to serve (Mat 20:28)
Brought the blessing of Yahweh to an Egyptian's house	Brought blessing to those who received Him (Luke 7:23)
Resisted the temptation to sin with Potiphar's wife	Resisted the temptation to sin in the wilderness (Mat 4)
Falsely accused of a crime against Potiphar's wife	Falsely accused of breaking the law (Mark 14:55-56)
Did nothing that should have resulted in imprisonment	On the cross, declared to be innocent (Luke 23:47)
Imprisoned with two men; 1 received life, the other death	Crucified with two; 1 received eternal life; the other the 2 nd death
Yahweh gave Joseph favor with the prison warden	Jesus grew in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52)
Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him when restored	Jesus commands, "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)
Figuratively resurrected from prison to appear before Pharaoh	Resurrected to appear before as many as 500 (1Co 15:5-6)
Described as filled with the Spirit of God, wise, and discerning	Led by the Spirit and increased in wisdom (Luke 2:40,52; 4:1)
Highly exalted to lead and save Egypt from starvation	God exalted Him as Leader and Savior (Acts 5:31)
At 30 years old, entered the service of Pharaoh, king of Egypt	At about 30 years old, Jesus began His public ministry (Luke 3:23)
Only Pharaoh is greater than Joseph in all of Egypt	Only God the Father is greater than Jesus (1Co 15:27)
Everything is committed to Joseph's charge	The Father has given everything into Jesus' hand (John 3:35)
Runners went before Joseph calling out 'make way' (CSB)	John the Baptist announced: 'prepare the way' (Mat 3:3)
Clothed with fine linen garments and a gold chain	Clothed with a long robe and golden sash/belt (Rev 1:13)
Given a bride: Asenath and a new name from Pharaoh	Given a bride: the church and a name (Eph 5:25-32; Phi 2:9)
Two sons were born to Joseph in Egypt	Through Jesus all who believe become sons of God (Gal 3:26)
Pharaoh said, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do"	Mary told the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)
Joseph provides bread to the people of the earth	Jesus is the bread of life (John 6:35)
Joseph's brothers bowed before him	Every knee will bow before Jesus (Rom 14:11)
Joseph stood in judgment over his brothers	Jesus will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31)
Joseph was filled with compassion and wept over his brothers	Jesus had compassion and wept over Israel (Mat 9:36; Luke 19:41)
Joseph is Father to Pharaoh, Lord of his house, and ruler of the land of Egypt	Jesus is the Everlasting Father, Lord of Lords, and ruler of the kings of the earth (Isa 9:6, Acts 2:36, Rev 1:5)
Joseph desires for his father to see his glory in Egypt	Prays to the Father to reveal His glory to His own (John 17:24)
Sent by God to preserve life and save a remnant from death	Sent by God to save the world from the 2 nd death (Gal 4:4-5)
Prepares a place for his family in Goshen	Left the earth to prepare a place for His own (John 14:2)
Joseph forgave his brothers their sin against him	Jesus prayed "Father forgive them..." (Luke 23:34)
In both cases, what was evil against Joseph and Jesus, God turned it for good, in order to save many people alive from starvation in Joseph's case, and in Jesus's case the eternal salvation of all who believe the good news (Gen 50:20; Rom 8:28).	
Joseph was a great man but he wasn't greater than Jesus	
Joseph resisted Potiphar's wife's sexual advances but left her in her sin	But Jesus's righteousness can be accounted to even the most adulterous woman who believes the gospel
Joseph gave bread to his brothers but sold bread to the Egyptians even to the point of enslavement	But Jesus gives the Bread of heaven freely to Jews and Gentiles
Joseph enslaved Egyptians	But Jesus came to set humanity free (John 8:36)
Died in Egypt; bones of his body carried to the Promised Land	Ever lives to make intercession for His own (Heb 7:25)