

The Story so far.....

Part 4 – Easter in Genesis



It's Easter and we are reading **Genesis** and have got to the **story of Joseph**.

Look into The Story and see some of the, **many, comparisons between Joseph and Jesus**.

Joseph was a **son** of Israel/Jacob **loved by his father**.
Jesus was a son of Israel, **beloved by His Father**.

As with any good prophet(!), his **brothers wanted to kill Joseph**. However, instead they **sold him into slavery**.
Jesus life was **sold for the price of a slave** – 30 silver pieces.

Jacob was led to **believe that Joseph was dead**. In fact Joseph's brothers seemingly regarded him as **dead - gone forever**.
Jesus was **humbled even to the point of death** – yet **death did not and could not hold Him**.

Joseph ended up **in Egypt** and through no fault of his own was **put in prison**. In prison he **meets 2 prisoners** – one whom he foretells of freedom, one of whom he foretells of death.
Jesus also was with **2 prisoners on the cross**, one was saved the other not.

From the low point of prison Joseph is **exalted to a position alongside the King of Egypt**.
Jesus is **now exalted at the right hand of the Father**.

Joseph's brothers come to Egypt in need, but **don't recognise their brother**. It is like Joseph has come **back from the dead**, but his brothers **don't recognise him**.
Jesus appeared to the men on the road to Emmaus yet they **didn't recognise Him until He brought revelation** of who He was.

Joseph **reveals himself** to his brothers and **reveals God's purposes** in what happened to him.
Gen45:5 'For God has sent me before you to preserve life.'
Gen45:7 'God has sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save lives by a great deliverance.'

Jesus has gone **before us to preserve life** by bringing a **great deliverance of redemption**. His preservation is a **salvation** that **doesn't prolong the old life but brings new life**. He has **gone before us into death and into resurrection**. He has **gone before us** to be the **firstborn from the dead** of the **people of God**.

Through Christ, God has brought about a **great salvation** from the **bondage of sin and death**.
Jesus has **gone before us** - this was God's plan and purpose in His death and resurrection
