

# Seeing Only Jesus

**9) Joseph - God Has Exalted Him**

**In Joseph we see Christ in both His first and second comings - His suffering and His glory**

***'Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself'***

**(Luke 24:25-27)**

***'Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow'***  
**(1 Peter 1:11-12)**

## **Joseph is a type of Christ in many ways**

- ✓ His name means 'adding'. In Christ we have much more than we had in Adam**
- ✓ He was the object of his father's love. So too is Christ, (Matt.3:17; 17:5; John 3:35)**
- ✓ Joseph was sent by his father to see the welfare of his brethren. Christ also came for His natural brethren, the lost sheep of Israel**
- ✓ His brother's were jealous of him, took counsel against Him, stripped him of his coat and sold him into slavery, (John 1:11)**

- ✓ **Reuben wanted to rescue him, just as Pilate wanted to free Jesus**
- ✓ **Both were sold by one of the 12, 'Judah'**
- ✓ **Joseph was severely tempted by Potiphar's wife, yet did not sin. Jesus was also tempted, but did not sin**
- ✓ **Both were falsely accused**
- ✓ **Neither Joseph nor Jesus offered defence. The just suffered for the unjust**
- ✓ **Both were numbered with transgressors, i.e. two others who were condemned to die, one of which was pardoned and given life, the other condemned**

**✓ At the end of his time of suffering Joseph was exalted to the highest place. He shared Pharaoh's throne**

**✓ Pharaoh did nothing without him**

**✓ Men bowed down to him**

**✓ He was given a new name**

**✓ He took unto himself a Gentile bride**

**✓ He had two sons: Mannaseh = forgetting;  
Ephraim = fruitful**

**✓ All nations came to him**

**✓ He had unlimited resources at his disposal**

**All the evil intended by Joseph's brothers worked for good, as he was exalted to the throne with Pharaoh**

*'You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.'* And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."  
*Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt'*

**(Gen.41:40-43)**

**Jesus, rejected by the Jews, has been exalted  
to God's right hand**

***'We have such a High Priest, who is seated at  
the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in  
the heavens'***

**(Heb.8:1)**

***'So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do"'***  
**(Gen.41:55)**

- ✓ **The years of plenty Joseph foretold, were followed by seven years of famine**
- ✓ **Similarly, at the end of the Church age, abundance will be followed by seven years of tribulation**
- ✓ **As Pharaoh instructed the people to 'Go to Joseph', so God says to us and to the world, 'Go to Jesus'. Everything God wants to give us is in, and through, Jesus**

**Neither Joseph nor Jesus could do anything until after their 'death,' 'burial,' and 'resurrection'**

***'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father'***

**(Phil.2:5-11)**

✓ **It is in this resurrected, exalted state that we must now relate to Jesus**

✓ **But Joseph's brothers did not know him in this state, 'So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him' (Gen.42:8). They saw him as a harsh ruler, a law-giver; not as a brother who wanted to bless them**

✓ **Many believers today still relate to a pre-resurrection Christ, 'Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer' (2 Cor.5:16)**

## **On their return visit to Egypt, Joseph revealed himself to them**

*'Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother..."'*

**(Gen.45:1-4)**

- ✓ **Joseph removed all others before He revealed Himself to his brethren**
- ✓ **Joseph first revealed Himself to them by name, *'I am Joseph...'*. Then by relationship, *'Your brother...'*, (not the Prime Minister)**
- ✓ **The brothers were struck with fear and had to be compelled to come near to Him**
- ✓ **He assured them that their very actions put him in a position where he could help them concerning their present deepest need**
- ✓ **After his revelation and their reunion he sent them home to bring their father to him in Egypt, with these words, *'See that ye fall not out by the way'* (Gen.45:24)**

## Seven times we read of Joseph weeping

### 1) He wept when he listened to them confessing their guilt

*'Then they said to one another, "We are truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us." And Reuben answered them, saying, "Did I not speak to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us." But they did not know that Joseph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter. And he turned himself away from them and wept'*

**(Gen. 42:21-24)**

## **2) He wept when he saw Benjamin**

***'Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son." Now his heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought somewhere to weep. And he went into his chamber and wept there'***

**(Gen. 43:30)**

### **3) He wept when he made himself known to his brethren**

*'Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it'*

**(Gen. 45:1-2)**

**4) He wept when his brethren were  
reconciled to him**

***'Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck  
and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.  
Moreover he kissed all his brothers and  
wept over them, and after that his brothers  
talked with him'  
(Gen. 45:15)***

## **5) He wept over his father Jacob**

***'So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while'***

**(Gen. 46:29)**

**6) He wept at the death of his father**

*'Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him, and kissed him'*

**(Gen. 50:1)**

## **7) He wept when his brethren questioned his love for them**

*'When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." 'Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.'" And Joseph wept when they spoke to him'*

**(Gen. 50:15-17)**

## Summary

- ✓ **In the life of Joseph we see this clear order - first suffering, then the glory that followed**
- ✓ **We see this with Jesus also, Phil.2:5-11. Having purged our sins, He sat down forever on God's right hand as our High Priest to bless us**
- ✓ **This is how we are to know Him now**
- ✓ **All the riches of Egypt were at Joseph's disposal. So all riches, temporal and spiritual, are available to us. *'There I will provide for you'***