

Ways in Which Joseph Prefigured Jesus Christ

1. He was loved by his father (37:3). John 3:16
2. He rebuked his brethren (37:2). Jesus rebukes his fellow Jews-John 8
3. He was a shepherd (37:2). Jesus was the Good Shepherd -John 10:14
4. He opposed evil (37:3). Jesus – John 7:7
5. His master was pleased with Him (37:4). Jesus – Matt. 17:5
6. He was hated by his brothers (37:4, 5, 8). Jesus – John 5:18; 6:41; 10:30-31
7. Future sovereignty foretold (37:5-9). Jesus – Isaiah 9:6-7; Matt. 26:64; Luke 1:31-33
8. He was envied by his brothers (37:11). Jesus – Matt. 27:17-18
9. He was obedient to go where his father sent him (37:12-13). Jesus – 1 John 4:10
10. He seeks the welfare of his brothers (37:14). Jesus – John 1:11; 3:17; Matt. 15:24; Rom.15:8
11. He was humiliated (ch. 37:23-28). Jesus – Matt.27:29-41
12. He was sold into the hands of his enemies (37:26-28). Jesus – Matt. 26:14-15
13. He was sold by one close to him, Judah (37:26-28). Jesus – Mark 14:10 (The Anglican translation for Judah is Judas.)
14. He was rejected by Israel and delivered to the Gentiles (37:26-28). Jesus – John 18:2-5
15. He was sold for the price of a slave (37:26-28). Jesus – Matt. 26:14-15
16. The LORD was with him and blessed him (39:2-5, 23). Jesus - Matt. 3:16
17. He was a blessing to others (39:4). Jesus – Galatians 3:14
18. He became a servant and prospered as a servant (39:1-5). Jesus – Phil. 2:6-7; Matt. 20:28
19. He was tempted, yet sinned not (39:7-13). Jesus – Hebrews 4:15
20. He was falsely accused (39:16-18). Jesus - Matt. 16:59-60
21. He was punished though he was innocent (39:20). Jesus- John 19:4-6
22. He was quiet before his accusers. He gave no defense(39:16-20). Jesus – Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:13-14.
23. He was imprisoned at the hands of Gentiles (39:20). Jesus – Acts 4:26-27
24. He won the respect of his jailer (39:21-23). Jesus-Luke 23:47(Centurion at the cross)
25. He was numbered among the transgressors (2 in particular) (40:1-4). Jesus - Luke 23:32
26. Of the two men, one was lost and one was saved (40:20-22). Jesus – Luke 23:39-43
27. Joseph was the means of blessing to the one and judgment to the other. (40:9-19) Jesus – Luke 23:39-43
28. The butler was Pharaoh's cupbearer (representing the wine). Jesus – Matt. 26:27-28
29. The baker represents the bread. Jesus – Matt. 26:26
30. He had a desire to be remembered. Joseph says, "Remember me," (40:14). Jesus said, remember me with the bread and the wine. Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24-25
31. His predictions came true (40:20-23; 41:47-57; 43:28). Jesus – John 2:19-22

32. He was given special insignia & clothing (40:42). Jesus – Heb. 2:9; Rev. 1:13
33. He was humiliated (ch. 37). Jesus – Matt.27:29-41
34. They were amazed at his wisdom (41: 37-41). Jesus – Matt. 7:28-29; John 7:46
35. He was exalted (ch. 41). Jesus – Acts 2:33; 1 Peter 3:22
36. He went out on the king's authority (41:41-43). Jesus - Matt. 28:18
37. All people were required to bow at Joseph's appearance (41:43). Jesus - Philippians 2:10 – every knee will bow.
38. The king gave him full authority (41:44). Jesus - (Matthew 28:18)
39. Joseph was given a new name - Zaphnath-paaneah = "treasury of the glorious rest" or according to its Egyptian meaning-"the god who speaks and lives" or "savior of the world" (41:45). The Son of God, the Christ was given a new name "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).
40. Joseph was 30 when he began his service to the king (41:46). Jesus was 30 when He began His ministry (Luke 3:33).
41. When people needed help, they went to Joseph (41:41,55-57). Jesus – Matt. 7:7-8; Matt. 21:22
42. He received a Gentile bride (41:45). Jesus -The Gentile church is referred to as the bride of Christ - Rev. 21:9.
43. All nations (Jews and Gentiles) had to come to Joseph to be saved. He was dispensing bread to a perishing world (41:56-57). Joseph provided the bread of life. (Jesus was the bread of life-John 6: 35,41,48,51)
44. He had the power and the means to meet the needs of all who came to him (41:57). Jesus – John 1:12; 3:16
45. He recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him (42:8). Jesus – John 10:14
46. His brothers tried to pay for the grain, but he wouldn't allow it (42:25). Salvation is not earned. It is a gift. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
47. He was compassionate. He weeps. Jesus was compassionate and wept – John 11:35
48. He tested his brothers (chs. 43 & 44). Jesus- Rev. 3:10
49. After his brothers' repentance and confession (44:16), Joseph revealed himself to them (45:3). Zechariah 12:10; Jesus – Acts 3:19-20
50. His brothers did not recognize him till the second time he appeared to them (45:3; Acts 7:13). Jesus – Phil.2: 9-11; Rev. 1:7
51. Joseph is very forgiving (chs. 44-50). Jesus – 1 John 1:9
52. He made full provision for his brothers (45:10). Jesus – Philippians 4:19
53. Joseph receives the blessing of the firstborn (49:22-26). Jesus - Colossians 1:18
54. What men intended for evil, God used for good to save many people (50:20); Jesus' death saves all who will believe (Acts 2:23-24; Romans 5:8)