

JOSEPH AND JESUS

How Joseph shows us about Jesus
and what we can learn from him

The Robe

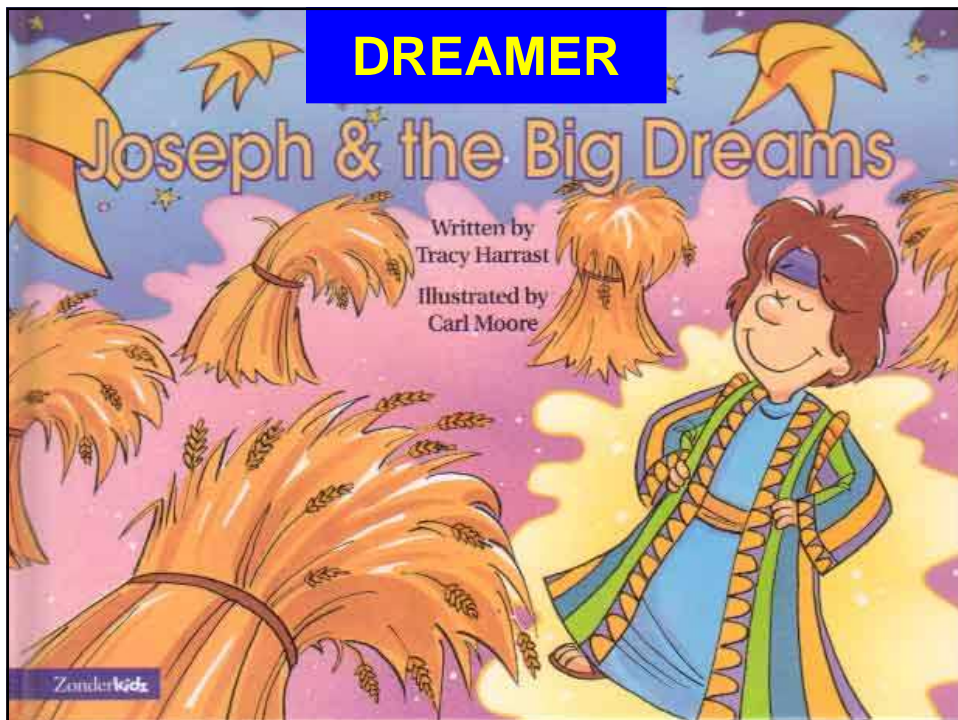


- Born 11th of twelve brothers
- His father - Jacob loved him more than all the others
- Born to him in his old age
- Jacob made him a richly ornamented robe
- This was a sign of his particular **FAVOUR**

Jesus and His Father



Luke 2:52: Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in **FAVOUR** with God and man



Joseph the Dreamer



- God gave Joseph two dreams: His brothers sheaves of corn bowed down to his sheaf of corn
- The sun, moon and stars bowed down to him!
- He told his family – not good P.R.!
- His brothers hated him all the more

Joseph is Sold



- Jacob sent Joseph to find his brothers
- They had strayed a long way away with the sheep
- When they saw him coming his brothers plotted to kill him
- They pushed him down a water pit and would have left him to die
- They lost their dignity but Joseph kept his - and his self respect - his self worth
- Instead, under God's direction, they sold him to merchants travelling to Egypt
- For 20 shekels of silver – the price of a mature slave

Jesus is Sold



- The religious authorities hated Jesus.
- Luke 22:2 'And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him'
- Judas went to them and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus
- They were delighted and agreed to give him money
- Thirty pieces of silver – the price of a slave

Brothers Strip Joseph of His Coat



- "They stripped him of his robe – the richly ornamented robe he was wearing"
- They killed a goat and covered the coat with its blood
- They deceived their father into thinking Joseph had been killed by a wild animal

Jesus' Robe



- When Jesus was crucified they took His clothes:
- John 19:23-24: 'Then the soldiers took His inner vesture. This garment was without seam, woven from the top throughout...and they cast lots for it'

Joseph in Prison



- Joseph served in the house of Potiphar. God blessed his household
- Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph
- He was a righteous man and would have nothing to do with it
- Eventually she twisted the truth and accused him of trying to sleep with her
- Joseph was cast into prison
- Here he was made responsible for the care and welfare of the other prisoners
- He met the Pharaoh's butler and baker
- He interpreted their dreams accurately

Jesus Sets the Prisoner Free!

- Jesus can come into the very heart of our situation – where we most need help
- He can 'release' us
- Luke 4:18 He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams



- Two years later Pharaoh had two dreams
- The first about cattle
- The second about ears of corn
- Nobody could understand!
- The butler suddenly remembered Joseph.
- The Pharaoh sent for him
- 7 years of plenty were to be followed by 7 years of famine

Joseph: Pharaoh's Right Hand Man



- Pharaoh recognised the Spirit of God in Joseph
- He made Joseph to be ruler over the land
- Only in the throne was the Pharaoh greater than Joseph
- He gave him a new name:
- ZAPHNATH – PAANEAH
- SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

Jesus at God's Right Hand



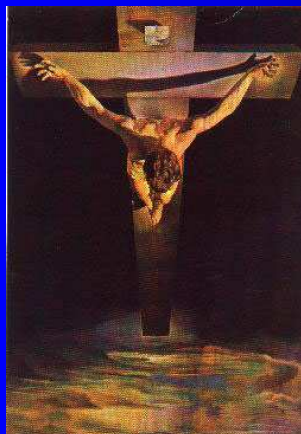
- The name JESUS means SAVIOUR
- Mathew 1:21: 'For He shall save His people from their sins'

Pharaoh Sends the People to Joseph



- When the people cried to Pharaoh for food then the Pharaoh said:
- 'Go to Joseph and do what he tells you'
- Joseph opened the store houses and sold grain
- All the countries came to Joseph to buy grain

The Father Directs us to Jesus



John 3:35 'The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in His hands'

The Brothers Bow Down to Joseph



- The dreams that God gave Joseph came true:
- The famine was in Canaan – the land of Jacob and his sons
- Jacob sent the brothers to buy bread
- Genesis 43: 28: 'And they bowed low to pay him honour'
- Genesis 44: 14 'His brothers came in and they threw themselves to the ground before him'

We Should Bow to Jesus



- Romans 14:11 'Every knee will bow before Me; every tongue will confess to God'
- Philippians 2:10: 'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth'

God Makes Things Right



- The brothers did not recognise who Joseph was
- But there were unresolved issues in their past
- There was un-confessed sin
- He brought the brothers to a place where they could admit what they had done
- Then he revealed to them who he was
- He could have sought his revenge – he had the power of life and death
- They discovered that instead Joseph forgave them, loved them and that...
- Genesis 50:20 'God intended it for good'

God Wants Our ALL, Not Just a PART



- Every year the people came to Joseph for more food. They ran out of money!
- Genesis 47:16 They brought their Livestock
- V19: 'Buy us and our land in exchange for food.'
- They willingly gave themselves to the 'Saviour'
- Once we do that we can find our self worth
- He can make us Righteous and full of His love
- We can know Security, Salvation, Hope and Peace