

Acts 7:9-16
Joseph A Type of Christ – Part II

Introduction:

The story of the man Joseph gives us a complete parallel of the life of Christ. As Joseph becomes the savior and sustainer of life for his brothers, father Jacob and family; so Christ becomes the Savior of His people who were destitute of spiritual life. Jesus gave us life eternal and life even now more abundantly. **John 10:9-10** “**I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.**”

I. God Was With Joseph – v.9

A. Falsely accused – Gen. 39

1. The Lord made Joseph prosperous
2. The Lord ultimately delivered Joseph from prison

B. Joseph meets the requirement of a type of Christ

1. Jesus was condemned to prison and death by false witnesses.
2. Jesus set us free from the prison of our sin.
3. Jesus was brought into a state of humiliation and exaltation
Phil. 2:6-11

C. The Christian Gospel is an interruption into human history

1. God seeking sinners
2. Man rejecting the Gospel – Why?
 - a. The theory of Evolution (Darwin, “On the origin of Species”)
 - b. Anticipating new advancement in science, technology, medicine and peace.
3. Even the church will not experience an evolving state of perfection in this life.

D. Logical Inevitability

1. Joseph became the savior of his brothers.
2. The way God does things – He is not in a hurry! Acts 7:6
3. Why does God allow such long delays?

II. God Made Joseph Governor – v.10

A. The Supremacy of Christ

1. Prince and Savior – Acts 5:31
2. The first Gospel – Gen. 3:15

B. Why does the Lord interfere?

1. Because this is His world and universe.
2. Because this is His purpose in Christ - Matt. 3:17; 17:5; John 5:26,27

C. Full Salvation

1. Why aren't more people becoming Christians?
Ans. Because man does not recognize his need. (II Tim. 4:3, 4)
2. Man is basically good - a grievous misconception – Mark 2:17
3. Illustration of the parable of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32
4. Illustration of the lost boy in the apple orchard... Isa. 53:6