

Joseph - A Special Son

Genesis 37

Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

1 John 3:14-15

Readings this week

- S Genesis 33
- M Genesis 37: 1 - 11
- T Genesis 37: 12 - 36
- W Psalm 22: 16 - 21
- Th John 19: 23 - 24
- F Proverbs 1: 8 - 9
- S 1 John 3: 11 - 15

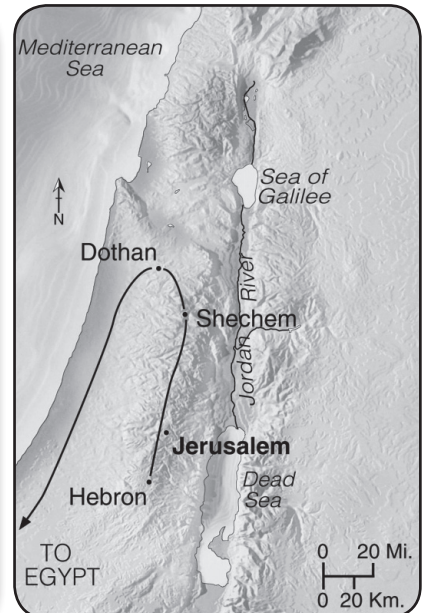
What made Joseph different from his brothers?

Look at Genesis 37:2-4; 49:26

Sketch Joseph's dreams and write their meanings underneath.

What sort of people do you think the brothers were going to grow into?

What evidence do you have?



Joseph and his brothers

How do you think Jacob's behaviour to Joseph would have affect the rest of the family?

How might Jacob have done things differently?

What advice would you give to someone who felt they had been treated unfairly?

How do you behave when you think something isn't fair?

Can you learn anything from this lesson that would make you behave differently?

Digging Deeper - Joseph and the Lord Jesus

In the next few weeks you will be thinking about how Joseph saved his brothers from famine. He also saved people who were not his brothers. In this we can see that his life was similar to that of Jesus. Sometimes this is called an echo or a type or a shadow in the scriptures.

Look at these passages and see if you can see other similarities between the lives of Joseph and Jesus.

Genesis 37:2

Genesis 37:3

Genesis 37:3

Genesis 37:4

Genesis 37: 20

Genesis 37:22, 29

These references to Jesus may help you.

John 10:11, John 3:35, John 19:23, John 7:7, John 7:1, John 20:1-2

As you think about other things that happened to Joseph over the next two weeks, you may find more similarities. Like going to a far country, being tempted or being with two other prisoners.

Do you ever have favourites and act in an unfair way towards people? Watch out for that sort of behaviour!

Think about how Jacob suffered and how this might have changed his sons' attitude.

Pray that you will never start to hate someone because God has blessed them.