

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Joseph sold by his brothers

37:1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

37:2 These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe.

37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

37:12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.

37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am."

37:14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem,

37:15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"

37:16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."

37:17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

37:18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him.

37:19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.

37:20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

37:21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

37:22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" --that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

37:23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore,

37:24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

37:25 Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

37:26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

37:27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed.

37:28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Remembering Joseph

105:10 give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

105:2Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

105:3Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

105:4Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

105:5Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

105:6O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

105:16When he summoned famine against the land and cut off every supply of bread,

105:17he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who had been sold as a slave.

105:18His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;

105:19until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him.

105:20The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

105:21He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions,

105:22to instruct his officials at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.

105:45bPraise the LORD!

Romans 10:5-15

The word of faith

10:5Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."

10:6But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)

10:7"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

10:8But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),

10:9because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10:10For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation and so is saved.

10:11The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

10:12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

10:13For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

10:14But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

10:15And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walking on the sea

14:22Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

14:23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

14:24but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

14:25And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

14:26But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

14:27But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

14:28Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

14:29He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

14:30But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

14:31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

14:33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."