**Joseph and The Christ**

We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

Introduction: As Christians we know that Jesus is our ultimate example of perfection. There are also many individuals in the scriptures that we can look to as examples of righteousness, and thus did many things in ways similar to Jesus. We are in the midst of a series of programs that compares some of these individuals to Jesus. Some of these people were similar because their lives emulated His life; others were similar because events that happened in their lives corresponded with events in His life. In all of these cases we can see the consistency of the Scriptures and of God's expectations for His followers. For this study we will began by comparing the life of Joseph to Jesus, The Christ.

**Born through divine intervention**

* Joseph through Rachel's barren womb which was opened by God [Genesis 30:22-24](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Gen%2030:22-24).
* Jesus through the virgin birth [Matthew 1:18-25](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Matt.%201:18-25)

**Pleased their fathers**

* Joseph in [Genesis 37:1-3](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2037.1-3) and Jesus in [Matthew 3:16-17](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Matt.%203:16-17)

**Foretold of their future power**

* Joseph in [Genesis 37:7-12](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2037.7-12) and Jesus in [Matthew 26:63-64](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Matt.%2026:63-64), [Luke 2:19](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Luke%202:19), 51

**Disliked by their brothers**

* Joseph in [Genesis 37:4](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2037.4) and Jesus in [John 1:11,7:1-5](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=John%201:11,7:1-5)

**Tempted yet endured**

* Joseph in [Genesis 39:7-12](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen%2039.7-12) and Jesus in [Hebrews 2:18](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Heb%202:18), 4:15

**Both conspired against**

* Joseph by his brothers in [Genesis 37:18](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Gen.%2037:18) and Jesus by the Pharisees in [Matthew 12:14](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Matt%2012:14)

**Both betrayed by those close to them**

* Joseph by his brothers in [Genesis 37:20-28](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Gen.%2037:20-28) and Jesus by Judas in [Matthew 26:48-49](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Matt.%2026:48-49)

**Sold for a price**

* Joseph in [Genesis 37:27-28](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2037.27-28) and Jesus in [Matthew 26:14-15](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Matt%2026:14-15)

**Stripped of their clothing**

* Joseph in [Genesis 37:23](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2037.23) and Jesus in [Matthew 27:27-28](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Matt%2027:27-28)

**Punished though innocent**

* Joseph in [Genesis 39:19](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2039.19) and Jesus in [John 19:4-15](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=John%2019:4-15)

**Won respect of jailer and centurion**

* Joseph in [Genesis 39:21-23](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2039.21-23) and Jesus in [Luke 23:44-47](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Luke%2023:44-47)

**Both were thought to be dead, yet appeared to many**

* Joseph in [Genesis 44:20](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2044.20) and Jesus in [John 20:19-26](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=John%2020:19-26)

**Both humbled and yet exalted**

* Joseph in [Genesis 41:38-43](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2041.38-43) and Jesus in [Philippians 2:6-11](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Phil%202:6-11)

**Both provided bread no one else could offer**

* Joseph in [Genesis 41:53-57](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2041.53-57) and Jesus in [John 6:32-35](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=John%206:32-35)

**Finished their earthly lives well**

* Joseph in [Genesis 50:19-25](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen.%2050.19-25) and Jesus in [1 Corinthians 15:6](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=1Cor%2015:6), [Acts 1:1-9:](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%201:1-9:) In [Genesis 50:19-21](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%2050:19-21), Joseph exhibits characteristics of Jesus in his forgiving nature, his realizing that the evil they meant was for good, and the provisions he provided his people. In this case he preserved his family but also preserved the lineage (tribe of Judah) of Jesus, The Christ.

**Closing**

If you have not submitted to The Christ please think about some closing thoughts. Jesus was the only one who perfectly followed God’s will. He was the only one who is God and decided to come to earth to become the Savior of the World because He loves you! He paid the price for your sins by dying on a cross almost 2,000 years ago. And He has been reigning at the right hand of God the Father ever since. Why not become one of His followers, a Christian? Believe Him, confess that He is the Son of God, repent of your sins, and be baptized to wash them all away in His blood. Isn’t that what Joseph would do? Submit to God’s commands? We need to be like Joseph, but more importantly we need to become disciples of The Christ!

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; david.barry@oakridgechurch.com, murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com; (865) 693-1416.

For our next live program, next month on February 7, 2022 we hope to study, **"Abraham and The Christ”** We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**