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Study No. 4
The Life of Joseph - His Full Forgiveness



Genesis chapters 44 and 45



Romans 5: 10

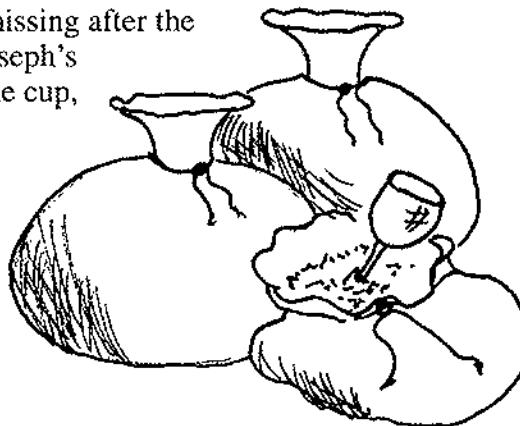
Suggested Further Reading

Acts 7: 12-15

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Now the brothers are in trouble again! Joseph's silver cup was missing after the meal they had eaten with him. They had set out for home and Joseph's steward had caught up with them. He accused them of stealing the cup, and brought them back to Joseph.

Judah spoke up and what he said to Joseph showed that he and his brothers had had a complete change of heart. They were not treating their youngest brother as they had once treated Joseph. Rather than wanting to be rid of Benjamin, each one was wishing that the cup had been found in his own sack! It was clear to Joseph that they were not prepared to abandon Benjamin.



What did Judah offer Joseph so that Joseph might agree to release Benjamin?

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The way was now clear for Joseph to tell them who he was. The conditions necessary for restoring friendship between him and them had been met:-

1. *Their consciences had been stirred.*
2. *They had admitted their sin.*
3. *They had repented of the wrong they had done.*
4. *There was evidence of a complete change of attitude.*

We need to be restored to God. All our sins are against God and cause separation between us and Him. We, too, need to follow the four points above. When we are truly sorry for our sins and put our trust in the Lord Jesus, we are then brought back into friendship with God.

Write out the Key Verse and UNDERLINE Who is able to bring us back into friendship with God.

[Blank shaded box for writing the key verse and underlining]

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The brothers thought that Joseph was dead, but because he was alive he was able to save them from death in the famine.

Look at the Key Verse again and write IN YOUR OWN WORDS how Joseph is like the Lord Jesus.

[Blank shaded box for writing how Joseph is like the Lord Jesus]

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Answers to the following clues should be entered in the appropriate places in the WORD GRID, including the shaded squares.

Clues Down

1. The total number of donkeys (asses) Joseph sent laden with goods for his father.
2. The number of years of famine still left.
3. The area of Egypt where Joseph and his family would live.
4. The country that Joseph and his family were from.
5. The special item Joseph had placed in the top of Benjamin's sack. (6 and 3 letter words)
6. Joseph's brothers told his steward that if any of them was found to have the 'stolen' item he would _____.

Clues Across

7. The number of shekels (pieces) of silver Joseph gave to Benjamin. (5 and 7 letter words)

WORD GRID

Rearrange the letters from the shaded squares to give a word from the Bible Reading.

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Look at Genesis 45: 26-28 and fill in the spaces below to see how the 'Good News' that Jacob heard about Joseph is like the 'Good News' which we have heard about the Lord Jesus.

The 'Good News' About Joseph

1. Joseph is
2. Joseph is of Egypt.
3. Joseph provided to take his family.
4. Joseph wanted his family to to Egypt.

The 'Good News' About the Lord Jesus

1. The Lord Jesus is alive.
2. Jesus is Lord of all.
3. The Lord Jesus has provided all we need for salvation.
4. The Lord Jesus wants you to come to Him today.

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Now break the code below and work out the message.

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