

Abraham's sacrifice of Issac prefigures the Birth and Sacrifice of Jesus

Abraham (Father) and Isaac (Son)	God the Father and Jesus the Son
Abraham is called the father of many nations. (Genesis 17:4)	God is called the Father of all. (Ephesians 4:6)
Issac had a miraculous conception. When he was conceived, his mother was an old woman and his father was an old man (Gen18)	Jesus was conceived in a miraculous fashion. His mother was a virgin and she was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:34-35).
Issac was an only son, greatly loved by Abraham. God said to Abraham "Your son, your only son, whom you love..." (Genesis 22: 2)	God the Father said "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased!" (Matthew 3:16, 17)
<p>Mount Moriah: Gen.22:2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."</p> <p>2Chr.3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite</p>	Jesus went to mount Calvary to be sacrificed (Jn 19:17). On Mount Moriah, Jerusalem was built up later on
<u>Donkey</u> : Issac rode on a donkey (Gen 22:3)	Jesus rode on a donkey to Jerusalem (Luke 19:30-36)
<u>3 days</u> : Isaac took 3-days to walk up to Mt. Moriah (Gen 22:4)	Jesus had 3 days from the cross to the grave to the resurrection (Lk 24:7)
6. Abraham told his companions that where they are going his companions could not follow (Gen 22:5)	Jesus told his disciples that where he is going they cannot follow (Jn 13:36)
<u>Both accompanied by 2 men</u> : Isaac by two servants (Genesis 22:3)/	Jesus accompanied by two thieves (Matthew 27:38)

Abraham also told his companions that they would return to them. So even though Issac was going to his death, still he said that Issac would be returning (Gen 22:5)	Jesus also told his companions that even though he was going to his death, he would still return to them (Jn 16:22).
<u>Wood:</u> Isaac carried the wood on his shoulder for his own sacrifice (Genesis 22:6)	Jesus carried his own cross (John 19:17)
<u>Lamb:</u> Issac asked here are the fire and the wood, where is the sheep for the holocaust? Finally ram was sacrificed. (Gen 22: 7).	Jesus said, "I am the lamb of God" (Jn 1:29, 10:15)
<u>submission to the father's will:</u> Isaac willingly laid down , submitting to his father (Genesis 22:9)	Jesus submitted to his Father's plan and will (Luke 22:42)
Abraham proved his love by willing to sacrifice his son Issac. Abraham's descendants were blessed because of his obedience.	God loved the world so much that he gave his only son to sacrifice (Jn 3:16). Jesus death on the cross was his obedience to Father and because of it, all the nations of the earth receive salvation

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<u>Jacob</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
1. Jacob the Highly Favored and Beloved Son: God loved and poured His favor upon Jacob before He was born (Isaiah 41:8; Romans 9:10-13 God' elective plan, read this passage well). Although Jacob deceived his brother and coveted his birthright, God loved him still. God's people weren't perfect, yet He called them His "chosen" people anyway because of his mercy.	Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father and testified his love on few occasions, "This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased".

2: Stranger in a Strange Land: After Jacob stole his Esau's birthright, his brother wanted to kill him. As a result, Jacob fled his home to live among strangers in a far away land, called Paddan-aram, for twenty years. Before returning to his homeland, he built his family, his wealth and riches (Genesis 28:2-4).

Jesus as a stranger in Egypt: Mt 2:13-14
The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

3: Jacob to Israel: God gave Jacob the name "Israel" after they wrestled outside of Jacob's camp. The Lord gave him this name after saying he "wrestled with God and man, and prevailed" (Genesis 32:24-28).

God gave Christ His name, Jesus: the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," (Matt 1:20-21)

Difference between Jesus and Christ: Jesus is a human name, the Greek translation of the Hebrew "Yeshua" (Joshua) while Christ, a divine coming from the Greek "Christos", literally a translation of the Hebrew word "Mashiach" meaning anointed. St. Paul uses Christ more in his letters.

<p>4. <u>12 Tribes</u>: Jacob became the father of his 12 sons (12 tribes)</p>	<p>Jesus is the leader of 12 disciples/apostles</p> <p>Difference between disciples and apostles: Disciple comes from the Latin word <i>discipulum</i> meaning a learner from his teacher. An apostle is sent to deliver those teachings to others. "Apostle" means messenger, he who is sent. An apostle is sent to deliver or spread those teachings to others. We can say that all apostles were disciples but all disciples are not apostles. Jesus chose twelve Disciples and this inner circle of men came to be known as Apostles later on who were entrusted to spread the message of Jesus throughout the world so that eventually there would be many Disciples.</p>
<p>5. <u>Blessing</u>: Isaac blessed Jacob saying: "may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. Let people serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you, cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you" (Gen 27: 28,29).</p>	<p>Jesus is the blessing for the entire humanity: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</p>
<p>6. <u>Symbol of Cross</u>: Jacob blessed Joseph's sons (Gen 38: 8-20). He put his right hand on Ephraim at the left side and his left hand on Manasseh at the right side. He refused to change this position as Joseph requested. Prefiguration of the Holy Cross. When God chooses people to his plans, he always goes deeper than appearance, tradition or position. He sometimes surprises us by choosing the less obvious person, at least by human reasoning. (Man plans and God laughs)</p>	<p>The Crucified Jesus on the Cross (Lamb of God) is source of the true blessing</p>

How Joseph prefigures Jesus Christ

<u>Joseph</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
Gen 37: Now Israel loved Joseph	Matthew 1: 17: This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.
Gen 37: 26-27 (Judah, one of the twelve brothers was a betrayer). Judah said to his brothers: "What is to be gained by killing our brother and concealing his blood? Come, let us sell him to these Ishmaelites, instead of doing away with him ourselves. After all, he is our brother, our own flesh." His brothers agreed.	(Judas, one of the twelve disciples) Luke 22:47-48 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
Gen 37 His brothers hated him	John 15:25 They hated me without a cause
Gen 37:8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words	Luke 19:14 We do not want this man to rule over us
Gen 37:11 so his brothers were jealous of him	Mark 15:10 it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over
Gen 37:18 They saw him from a distance and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him	Matthew 27: 1 When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.
Gen 37:23 So when Joseph came up to his brothers, they stripped him of his tunic, the long ornamented tunic he had on;	Matthew 27:28 They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.
Gen 37: 28 They sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt	Matthew 26: 14-15 Judas Iscariot,* went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver,

<p>Gen 40:2-3 Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, and he put them in custody in the house of the chief steward, the same jail where Joseph was confined.</p>	<p>Luke 23:32 Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed.</p>
<p>Gen 40:13 (joseph said) within three days Pharaoh will single you out and restore you to your post. You will be handing Pharaoh his cup as you formerly did when you were his cupbearer.</p>	<p>Luke 23:43 He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise</p>
<p>Gen 41:46 Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh</p>	<p>Luke 3:23 Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work</p>
<p>Gen 41:55 Pharaoh said, "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do"</p>	<p>John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you"</p>
<p>Gen 45:1 Joseph made himself known to his brothers</p>	<p>Luke 24:31 They their eyes were opened and they recognized him.</p>
<p>Gen 31-34 Joseph fed the hungry brothers</p>	<p>John 6:5-13 Jesus fed the hungry masses</p>
<p><u>Betrayer feels intense regret:</u> Gen 37:29-30 When Reuben went back to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not in it, he tore his garments, and returning to his brothers, he exclaimed: "The boy is gone! And I—where can I turn?"</p>	<p>Matthew 27:35 Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver* to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself</p>

<p><u>Condemned by false witness:</u> Gen 39:12-15 she laid hold of him by his cloak, saying, "Lie with me!" But leaving the cloak in her hand, he escaped and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand as he escaped outside, she cried out to her household servants and told them, "Look! My husband has brought us a Hebrew man to mock us! He came in here to lie with me, but I cried out loudly. When he heard me scream, he left his cloak beside me and escaped and ran outside."</p>	<p>Matthew 26:59-61 The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin* kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, a but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two* came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'"</p>
<p><u>Remember me:</u> Gen 40:14 Only think of me when all is well with you, and please do me the great favor of mentioning me to Pharaoh, to get me out of this place.</p>	<p>Luke 23:42-43 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."</p>

Parallels between Moses and Jesus

Events	Moses	Jesus
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<p><u>Born under foreign rulers</u></p>	<p>Moses was born in Egypt many years after Joseph, who famously saved the region from famine, died. The current reigning pharaoh knew nothing of the Hebrew-Egyptian partnership and considered the Hebrews as his threat to the country. Out of fear of being overthrown, he made the Hebrews his slaves and forced them into hard labor and oppression (Exodus 2:3-10)</p>	<p>Jesus was born during two foreign rules: Herodians and Romans. The former ones were ruthless, power hungry and murderous. Herod king of Judea. (Lk 2:1, Mt 2:1)</p>
<p><u>Child of the poor; Born to be a King</u></p>	<p>Moses' mother was a Jewish slave; but he became a prince of Egypt. But nursed and raised by his biological mother. (Exodus 2:11). He did not want to be a royal but he identified himself with his people /</p>	<p>Jesus was born in a manger, but He is the Son of God and often referred to as the "King of kings and Lord of lords", which refers to a ruler who holds complete power to exercise dominion over His realm. When He walked among His disciples, His intention was never to rule over men as a "king" in the traditional sense. For His followers who were vying for control, power and a special seat of honor, this caused a great amount of confusion (Matthew 20:20-28; Revelation 17:14, 19:16).</p>

<p><u>Lives Threatened at Birth</u></p>	<p>Pharaoh feared the Hebrews in Egypt and commanded the midwives of Jewish mothers to kill all newborn boys; however, the little boys were spared because the midwives feared God and protected them. As a result, God blessed the midwives for their faithfulness (Exodus 1:15-22). After Moses was born, his mother hid him to ensure his safety. When she no longer could keep him hidden, she placed Moses in a basket along the Nile to be noticed by Pharaoh's daughter who had gone to the river to bathe. The Egyptian princess took pity on the baby in the basket, and Moses' life was spared from death (Exodus 1:15-22).</p>	<p>Jesus' life was also threatened at birth. King Herod, who ruled over the land where Jesus was born, was paranoid and power hungry. In fact, the fear of losing his throne consumed him to such a horrifying degree that he murdered his own family. After Herod heard the prophecy stating a king more powerful than he would be born in his land during his lifetime, he instructed his soldiers to murder all the little boys born within his kingdom to ensure no one could take his crown (Matthew 2:3-18).</p>
<p><u>Childhood in Egypt</u></p>	<p><u>CHILDHOOD IN EGYPT:</u> Moses was raised as a prince of Egypt (Exodus 2:10)/</p>	<p>Mary and Joseph fled with Jesus to Egypt to hide him from King Herod (Matthew 2:13).</p>

<p><u>An Early Calling: Realized years Later:</u></p>	<p>Moses felt a deep calling to deliver his people, the Hebrews, from slavery. After Moses killed an Egyptian man for abusing a Hebrew slave, he fled to Midian and was unable to realize the calling on his life until 40 years later</p>	<p>At the age of twelve, Jesus spoke with the religious teachers in the Temple. He began His ministry when He was about 30 years old; and He completed His calling through His death, burial and resurrection at the age of 33 (Matthew 4:12-25; Luke 3:23).</p>
<p><u>Wandered through the wilderness before fulfilling calling</u></p>	<p>The wilderness is used in the Bible as time of change, transition and revelation. Moses wandered through the wilderness when he fled Egypt (Exodus 3). In the wilderness, he married Zipporah, had children, and encountered God in the burning bush, changing the course of his life forever.</p>	<p>Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit. In the wilderness, He fasted and was tempted by the devil. The experience in the wilderness was a necessary precursor to Jesus's ministry (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1).</p>
<p><u>Kept the company of the Gentiles</u></p>	<p>Moses married into a Midianite family and lived among them (Exodus 2:15; Acts 7:29)./</p>	<p>Jesus became a man, walked among them and died for them. He kept the company of tax collectors, sinners and prostitutes and didn't mind offending the religious leaders (Mark 2:17; Luke 15:2-32; John 4:5-42, 15:13; Romans 2:11-17, 3:29, 5:8).</p>

<p><u>Performed miracles</u></p>	<p>Moses is most famous for parting the waters of the Red Sea, but through God's awesome power, he also turned the river to blood and sent several other infamous plagues upon Egypt, changed his staff to a serpent, changed a healthy hand to one diseased with leprosy, and drew water from a rock</p>	<p>Among many other miracles, Jesus healed the sick, cast out unclean spirits and demons, turned water into wine, raised the dead, healed the ear of the high priest's servant, walked on water, rose from the dead, and multiplied loaves of bread and fish (on two separate occasions) for the men, women and children listening to His teachings</p>
<p><u>Shepherd to the people</u></p>	<p>Moses watched over his father-in-law's sheep (Exodus 3:1).</p>	<p>Jesus is the Good shepherd Jn 10:6-16</p>
<p><u>Ten commandments at Mounts Sinai and Tabor</u></p>	<p>Moses giving ten commandments (Sinai) Went up to the mountain to receive the commandments</p>	<p>Jesus giving 10 commandments: love of God and neighbor and 8 beatitudes (Mount of Beatitudes) and Jesus went up and treated the themes of Moses</p>