**Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28**

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan where his father was an immigrant. 2This is the account of Jacob’s descendants. Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. 3Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long robe. 4When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him and couldn’t even talk nicely to him.

12Joseph’s brothers went to tend their father’s flocks near Shechem. 13Israel said to Joseph, “Aren’t your brothers tending the sheep near Shechem? Come, I’ll send you to them.” And he said, “I’m ready.” 14Jacob said to him, “Go! Find out how your brothers are and how the flock is, and report back to me.”

So Jacob sent him from the Hebron Valley. When he approached Shechem, 15a man found him wandering in the field and asked him, “What are you looking for?” 16Joseph said, “I’m looking for my brothers. Tell me, where are they tending the sheep?” 17The man said, “They left here. I heard them saying, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’” So, Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

18They saw Joseph in the distance before he got close to them, and they plotted to kill him. 19The brothers said to each other, “Here comes the big dreamer. 20Come on now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we’ll say a wild animal devoured him. Then we will see what becomes of his dreams!” 21When Reuben heard what they said, he saved him from them, telling them, “Let’s not take his life.” 22Reuben said to them, “Don’t spill his blood! Throw him into this desert cistern, but don’t lay a hand on him.” He intended to save Joseph from them and take him back to his father.

23When Joseph reached his brothers, they stripped off Joseph’s long robe, 24took him, and threw him into the cistern, an empty cistern with no water in it. 25When they sat down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with camels carrying sweet resin, medicinal resin, and fragrant resin on their way down to Egypt. 26Judah said to his brothers, “What do we gain if we kill our brother and hide his blood? 27Come on, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites. Let’s not harm him because he’s our brother; he’s family.” His brothers agreed. 28When some Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up out of the cistern. They sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver, and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

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

Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! **2**Sing to God;  sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! **3**Give praise to God’s holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! **4**Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always!
**5**Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared — you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**16**When God called for a famine in the land, destroying every source of food, he sent a man ahead of them,  who was sold as a slave: it was Joseph.
**18**Joseph’s feet hurt in his shackles;  his neck was in an iron collar, until what he predicted actually happened, until what the Lord had said proved him true.
**20**The king sent for Joseph and set him free; the ruler of many people released him. **21**The king made Joseph master of his house and ruler over everything he owned,  to make sure his princes acted according to his will, and to teach wisdom to his advisors.
Praise the Lord!

**Romans 10: 5-15**

Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: *The person who does these things will live by them.*[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10:5-15#fen-CEB-28177a)] **6**But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: *Don’t say in your heart*, “*Who will go up into heaven?*”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10:5-15#fen-CEB-28178b)] (that is, to bring Christ down) **7**or “*Who will go down into the region below?*”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10:5-15#fen-CEB-28179c)] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). **8**But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10:5-15#fen-CEB-28180d)] (that is, the message of faith that we preach). **9**Because if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10**Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. **11**The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won’t be put to shame*.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10:5-15#fen-CEB-28183e)] **12**There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. **13***All who call on the Lord’s name will be saved.*[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10:5-15#fen-CEB-28185f)]

**14**So how can they call on someone they don’t have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven’t heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? **15**And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*

**Matt 14: 22-33**

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. 23When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. 24Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. 25Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. 26When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!” They were so frightened they screamed.

27Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

28Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”

29And Jesus said, “Come.”

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. 30But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

31Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” 32When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

33Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”