

Joseph: Falsely Accused of Wrong

“Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him” (Gen 39:1). Joseph had been betrayed by his brothers and carried a **LONG** way from home, but “the LORD was with Joseph” (39:2). That didn’t mean, however, that tough times weren’t ahead.

“After a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph” (39:7). Potiphar’s wife repeatedly tempted Joseph, “day after day” (39:10). But listen to the mindset young Joseph had in Genesis 39:8-9:

“Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except _____, because you are his _____. How then can I do this great wickedness and _____ against _____?”

Joseph did the right thing... and what happened? Potiphar’s wife lied about Joseph to the men of the household (39:13-15) and to her husband (39:16-19). “And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison” (39:20).

But what does this have to do with our search for our King? Jesus knew what it felt like to be mocked and misrepresented. In Matthew 9 alone, he was:

- Accused of _____ (9:3)
- Accused of associating with the wrong people (9:11)
- Accused of not being righteous enough (9:14)
- _____ at (9:24)
- Accused of being in league with Satan (9:34)

But the most serious false accusations came when he was arrested and brought before the Jewish council (Matt 26:57-60) and the Roman governor Pilate (Luke 23:4, 20-24). Our righteous King was _____, but he did not revile in return (1 Pet 1:22-23).



For Class & Family Discussion:

- Why do people sometimes lie about other people? Why would anyone ever misrepresent or falsely accuse someone else?
- Is it a big deal to do that sort of thing? Consider the input of Proverbs 6:16-19.
- Let’s analyze how Joseph acted with integrity in the face of temptation. What do you see, particularly in Genesis 39:8-10?
- Joseph did the right thing... and was *still* thrown in prison. Is there anything we can learn from that? Remember how Genesis 39 began (39:2)? And how does it end (39:21, 23)? What do we need to see?
- How does the apostle Peter help us think through and apply some of these lessons in 1 Peter 4:12-19?
- Notice also the larger context of a verse Jason referenced at the end of the video. Let’s read 1 Peter 2:19-23. What lessons do we need to take away from this passage?