1st Quarter – Week 12

Joseph Rises to Power – Joseph Reconciles with his Brothers

Day 1 **Genesis 41**	**Key Thoughts:** ● Two years after the butler is released, Pharoh experiences a dream. In his dream, seven fat cows are eaten by seven thin cows, and seven healthy ears of grain are consumed by seven withered ears. None of his magicians can interpret the dream. (41:1-8). ● The butler remembers Joseph and he is summoned to interpret the dreams. God enables Joseph to interpret the dreams. Both dreams represent seven years of prosperity to be followed by seven years of famine (41:9-32). ● Joseph is appointed to second in command to handle the famine. Grain is kept in storge for the famine leading to people from surrounding countries coming for help. Joseph has two sons during this time. **Jesus Christ:** Jospeh stores grain to save the world from starvation. Jesus is the "bread of life" who saves sinners from all nations (John 6:35).
Day 2 **Genesis 42**	**Key Thoughts:** ● The famine strikes Canaan leading Jacob to send ten of his sons to Egypt to buy food (42:1-5). ● The brothers bow to Joseph who recognizes his brothers, but they do not recognize him. Jospeh accuses them of being spies, imprisons them for three days, and tells them to go home and bring back their youngest brother, Benjamin (42:6-20). ● The brothers confirm their guilt over what they did to Joseph. Joseph sends them home with food. He also secretly returns their money causing them fear (42:21-28). ● Upon returning home, the brothers discover the money, and inform Jacob of what happened in Egypt. Jacob refuses to send Benjamin (42:29-28). **Jesus Christ:** The provision of food by Joseph without accepting payment reflects salvation as a free gift.
Day 3 **Genesis 43**	**Key Thoughts:** ● When the food ran out, Jacob agrees to send Benjamin back with his other sons. Judah takes full responsibility for his safety. Jacob sends gifts and double the money for the food and prays for God to be merciful (43:1-14). ● The brothers arrive in Egypt and Joseph orders a feast to be prepared for them. They feared a trap was being set (43:15-25). ● At the banquet the brothers bow down fulfilling Joseph's dreams. Joseph weeps privately upon seeing Benjamin, and then astonishes his brother by seating them according to their ages. Benjamin receives portions five times larger than his brothers (43:26-34). **Jesus Christ:** By providing sustenance to the ones who betrayed him, Joseph is a type of Christ demonstrating grace.

Day 4 **Genesis 44**	**Key Thoughts:** ● Jospeh orders his brothers' bags be filled with food, returns their money and hides his personal silver cup in Benjamin's bag. As they head for home they are stopped and accused of theft. Benjamin now faces death because the cup is found in his possession (44:1-13). ● The brothers face Joseph, and he declares Benjamin will stay as his slave and the rest can return home. Judah offers himself as a slave explaining Jacob's love for Benjamin. This is a change of heart compared to how the brothers handled Joseph (44:14-34). **Jesus Christ:** Joseph's actions expose his brothers' sin and lead them to confront their guilt. This reflects how Jesus convicts of sin leading to repentance.
Day 5 **Genesis 45**	**Key Thoughts:** ● Jospeh reveals his identity to his brothers and weeps loudly, overcome with emotion (45:1-3). ● Joseph explains God's providence in sending him to Egypt to preserve life (45:4-8). ● Joseph is reconciled with his brother, and with Pharoah's approval offers for Jacob and the whole family to take up residence in Egypt. The brothers return to their father bearing gifts and the news (45:9-24). ● Jacob is thrilled to hear about Joseph and agrees to go (45:25-28). **Jesus Christ:** Joseph again serves as a type of Christ. Joseph offered reconciliation, and provides for their sin against him. Jesus does the same for all who believe in Him.
Day 6 **Genesis 46**	**Key Thoughts:** ● God reassures Jacob in a vision to go to Egypt. Pharoah sends wagons to move the family to Egypt (46:1-7). ● The list of descendants totaling seventy including Joseph and his son is recorded. The list serves as the first time the Bible records "the Children of Israel" (46:8-27). ● Joseph is reunited with his father and instructs him to tell Pharoah they are herdsmen. This will place them in Goshen as shepherds were despised by Egyptians. God has moved His people to Egypt to grow them into a nation (46:28-34). **Jesus Christ:** Joseph is a type of Christ in relationship to the resurrection of Jesus thought to be dead, He is alive.