



What Does Moses the Deliverer Teach Us About Jesus?

Deuteronomy 18:15: (NASB) *The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.*



Two of the most dramatic lives recorded in the Bible belong to Moses and Jesus. The heroics of Moses' life extended over a period of 120 years, whereas Jesus' heroics were all accomplished within a 33-year lifetime. Despite the dramatic timeframe differences, there are startling similarities between these two deliverers. Moses' life was recorded and detailed in four Old Testament books of the Bible. Jesus' life was recorded and detailed in four New Testament books. Both men were plainly or prophetically referenced throughout the entire Bible.

They each executed the two greatest deliverances in the history of mankind - Moses walked his people out of Egypt and Jesus ransomed the entire human race from sin. This just scratches the surface. As we look into specific events of Moses' life as deliverer of a nation, we will see inspiring revelations into the life of Jesus as deliverer of the world!

The Bible shows us the comparison between Moses and Jesus:

Hebrews 3:1-6: (NASB) *¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the apostle and high priest of our confession: Jesus; ²he was faithful to Him who appointed him, as Moses also was in all his house. ³For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; ⁶but Christ was faithful as a son over his house—whose house we are, if we hold firmly to our confidence and the boast of our hope.*

This tells us that Moses was faithful in God's house as a servant, but that Christ, as God's son, is in charge of the entire house. Moses' work is specifically said to be an illustration of the truths God would later reveal. Moses was a "type," which is a picture of a future person or event, like foreshadowing. Jesus is here pictured as the "antitype" ("anti" meaning "in place of," so the antitype is in place of the original type) or the fulfillment of the person or event. We discussed types and antitypes briefly in the following episode.



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The purpose of all the similarities we are about to discuss is to point indisputable arrows to identify Jesus as being the Messiah.

Let's begin by comparing the births and early lives of Moses and Jesus.



Moses was born at a time when the nation of Israel was enslaved in Egypt:

Exodus 1:8-9,11: (NASB) *⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. ¹¹So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor...*



Israel was enslaved in Egypt for 142 years.
Generations were born into slavery.



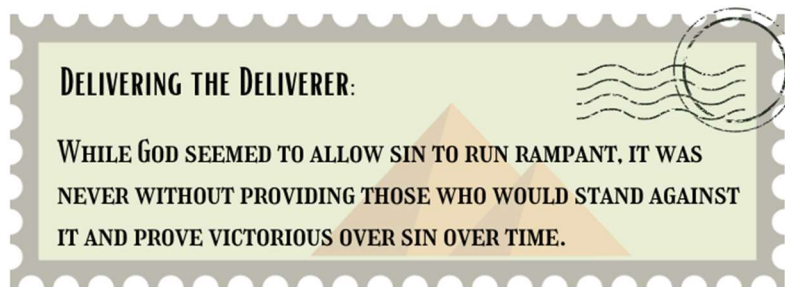
Jesus was born at a time when Israel was not a sovereign nation because of Rome's occupation:

Luke 2:1-3: (NASB) ¹Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.



Jerusalem was captured by the Romans in 63 BCE.
Jerusalem was under Rome's thumb for a long time before Jesus came on the scene.

God delivers these deliverers. How?



God's plan was always quietly working.



The birth of Moses was noted as special before God:

Acts 7:20: (NKJV) At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months.

Moses was well pleasing to God because He had a mission for him.

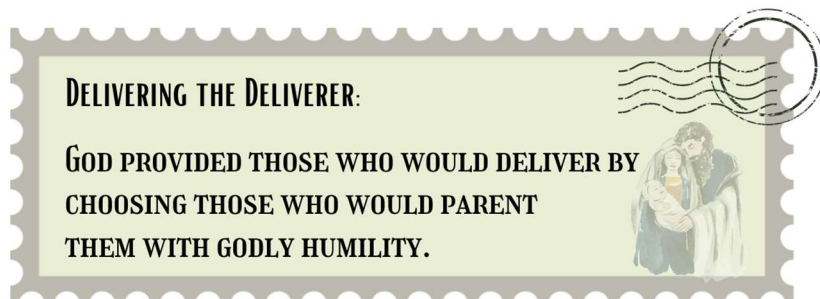


The conception and birth of Jesus were obviously designated as very special before God:

Luke 1:30-33: (NASB) ³⁰The angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David; ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.



Both Mary and Joseph were of the lineage of David.



God did not just pick a deliverer; He picked a family to nurture the deliverer.



The birth and infancy of Moses was in danger but protected because of his parents' great faith:

Moses

Exodus 1:22: (NASB) *Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive.*



Moses' father was Amram and his mother was Jochebed.

Hebrews 11:23: (NASB) *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.*

They saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid - they knew he was favored by God and would be used for a special purpose in God's plan for Israel. Please see the Bonus Material for more details.

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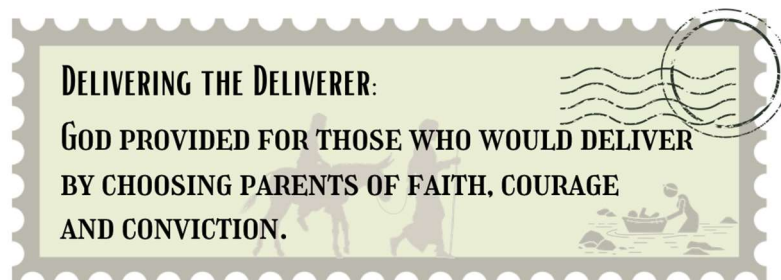
Jesus

Matthew 2:16: (NASB) *Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.*

Matthew 2:14: (NASB) *So Joseph got up and took the child and his mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.*

Pharaoh ordered the mass killing of Hebrew babies under two years old and Moses ended up being raised in an Egyptian household. King Herod did the same in the time of Jesus, and he was saved by his parents by taking him to Egypt in Matthew 2:13.

We see there are similarities between Moses and Jesus that cannot be coincidental. Reminder: We are looking at Moses as a "type" - a very specific picture of Jesus, with Jesus as the fulfillment. God's plan was already in motion. We were given the "breadcrumbs" to follow with Moses for us to be able to see how Jesus' part in God's plan would unfold.



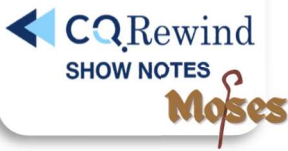
Joseph and Mary dropped everything and fled for Egypt. God provided for their journey and beyond through the gifts of the Magi, as they were not people of great means. God's providence is unchallengeable!



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Moses the deliverer renounced his Egyptian upbringing, left the palace of Pharaoh's daughter and set out to find God's will for him:

Hebrews 11:24: (NASB) *By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,*

Moses took a costly stand. He walked away from all of the glory he grew up with.

Jesus the deliverer also came out of Egypt and at an early age set out to find God's will for him:



Matthew 2:15: (NASB) *He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: out of Egypt I called my son.*

Hosea 11:1: (NASB) *When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.*

Isn't it interesting that both Moses and Jesus came out of Egypt in their youth?

At just 12 years old, Jesus realized God had a purpose for him:

Luke 2:48-49: (WEY) ⁴⁸*When they saw him, they were smitten with amazement, and his mother said to him, my child, why have you behaved thus to us? Your father and I have been searching for you in anguish. ⁴⁹Why is it that you have been searching for me? He replied; did you not know that it is my duty to be engaged upon my Father's business?*



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DELIVERING THE DELIVERER:

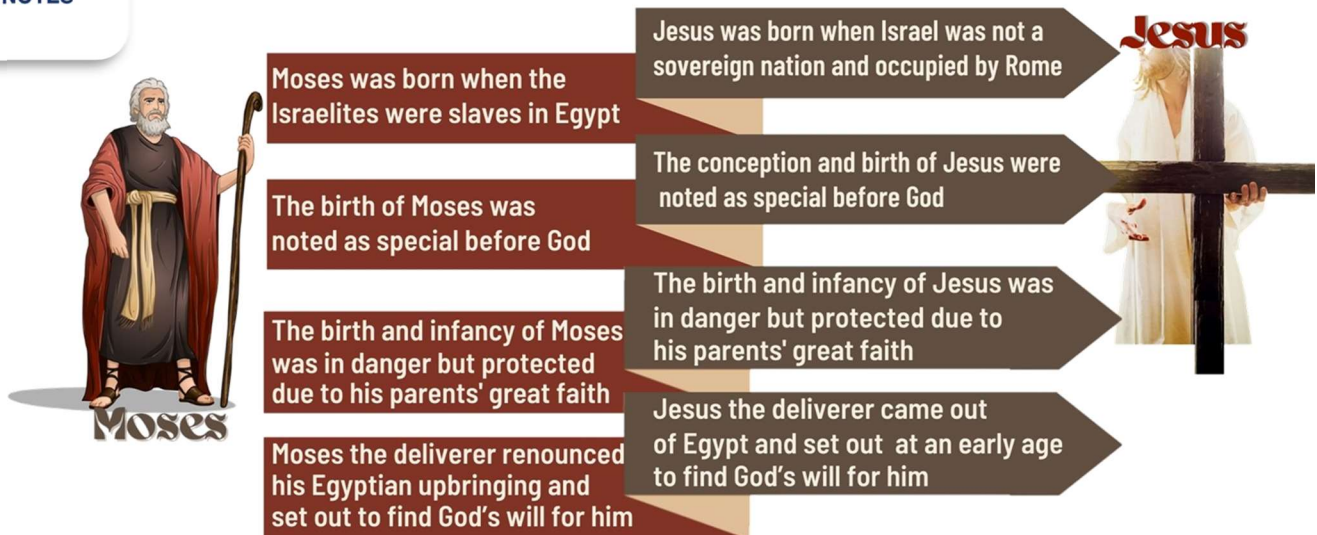
**GOD'S CHOICE FOR HIS DELIVERERS WAS
MEN WHO WOULD BE DRIVEN TO RISE TO THE
HIGHEST LEVEL OF GODLINESS WITHIN THEIR
COMPREHENSION AND REACH.**

Jesus was already living an elevated life by the age of 12. When Moses was a young man, he renounced his Egyptian connection. They were both upholding God's sovereignty.

(Source: Life Application Study Bible) Leadership often involves reaction. If we want to react with instincts consistent with God's will, we must develop habits of obedience for God. Consistent obedience to God is best developed in times of less stress. Then when stress comes, our natural reaction will be to obey God.

We see why God chose the right types of parents to nurture these two deliverers from boys to men, so they could have the sense of godliness before facing their trials.

Comparison of the births and early lives of Moses and Jesus:



It is amazing to see the preparation that went into choosing Moses and Jesus. Leaders are developed, not born.

The beginning of the lives of Moses and Jesus ran parallel.
What about their characters as men?

When we consider the magnitude of the work that Moses and Jesus were called upon to do, it undoubtedly brings us to the conclusion that their characters had to be as solid as a rock and yet easily moldable and pliable in the hands of God. This is an unusual combination. No wonder true godly leadership is so hard to find!

He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander. — Aristotle

Moses' whole being was dedicated to following God's will for him.

He fasted 40 days to know God's will:

 Moses

Exodus 34:27-28: (NASB) ²⁷Then the LORD said to Moses, Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. ²⁸So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

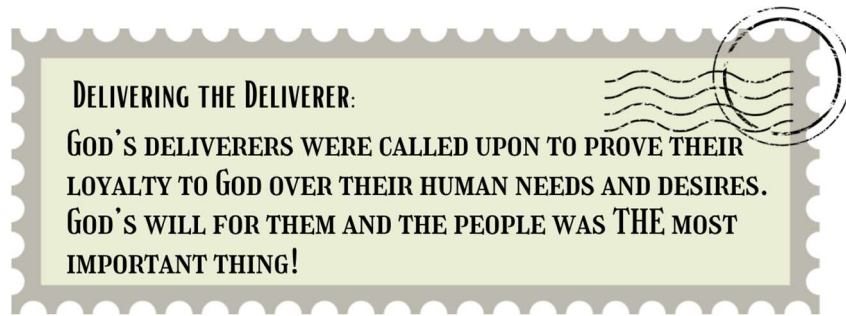
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Matthew 4:1-2: (NASB) ¹Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he then became hungry.

Jesus had just been baptized, receiving the holy spirit. His mind had been enlightened with the relationship he had with his Father in heaven. Being a perfect man, he would be able to remember the Law and the Old Testament so he could find his mission to do God's will. Interestingly, it says God's spirit led him into the wilderness, just like God drew Moses into the wilderness. They were both in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights to get their ministries started. These are not coincidences; it is the power and providence of God's plan.



Both Moses and Jesus *ran* to obedience.

Moses was of a meek character, beyond reproach, and this gave him a special relationship with God.



His meekness:

Numbers 12:1-9: (NASB) *¹Then Miriam (Moses' sister) and Aaron (Moses' brother) spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman (Zipporah) whom he had married for he had married a Cushite woman; ²and they said, Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well? And the LORD heard it. ³Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.*

Moses was meek and humble and willing to follow the will of God.

Moses' relationship with God was different:

⁴Suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, You three come out to the tent of meeting. So the three of them came out. ⁵Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward, ⁶He said, Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream. ⁷Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; ⁸With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses? ⁹So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed.

God spoke to most prophets through dreams and visions which often needed interpretation. But to Moses God spoke "mouth to mouth." They used direct communication in an extremely rare one-on-one relationship God told Miriam and Aaron without equivocation that Moses was special.



Miriam was the first woman in all of Scripture given the title "prophetess." She was a leader, musician and dancer. But God was displeased with Miriam questioning Moses' leadership.

The penalty from God was leprosy, and she was sent outside of the camp for seven days.

God was very displeased because He had chosen His deliverer and expected others to see His will. Moses' relationship to God was different than all of the other prophets.

Jesus was of a meek character, beyond reproach, and this gave him a special relationship with God:



Matthew 11:29-30: (NASB) *²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*



Jesus' relationship with God was different:

John 14:8-10: (NASB) ⁸Philip said to him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. ⁹Jesus said to him, Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, Show us the Father? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own initiative, but the Father abiding in me does His works.

Jesus waited for God to give him direction.

Moses also waited for God to give him direction. The difference is, Jesus was begotten by the spirit of God (His power and influence) which led him as he went about his ministry. God would speak to Moses who would then deliver the message to the people. Both had a unique relationship with the heavenly Father.

DELIVERING THE DELIVERER:

GOD'S DELIVERERS WERE HUMBLE TO THEIR CORE.
THIS ENABLED GOD HIMSELF TO COMMUNICATE HIS
WILL AND WORD PLAINLY AND FREELY TO THEM!

Moses

Moses forsook his standing of prosperity in Egypt to do the will of God:

Hebrews 11:24-26: (NASB) ²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

Moses voluntarily divested himself of the riches of Egypt. Enduring the misery of slavery was, in his mind, a fair price for the reward and privilege of serving God. Hebrews 11:27 goes on to say that it was done in faith and he persevered, as though seeing Him who is unseen. Moses continued steadfast, so we know that leaving the household of Pharaoh was not an impulsive decision he later regretted.



Jesus

Jesus forsook his standing of prosperity in heaven to humbly do the will of God:

Isaiah 6:8: (NASB) Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us. Then I said, here am I. Send me!

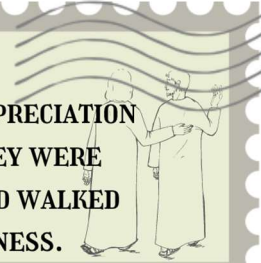
Jesus willingly volunteered to help his Father's plan for mankind. It was not a casual decision to divest himself of the glory of his spiritual nature to become a lowly human being.

Matthew 13:44-46: (NASB) ⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, ⁴⁶and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

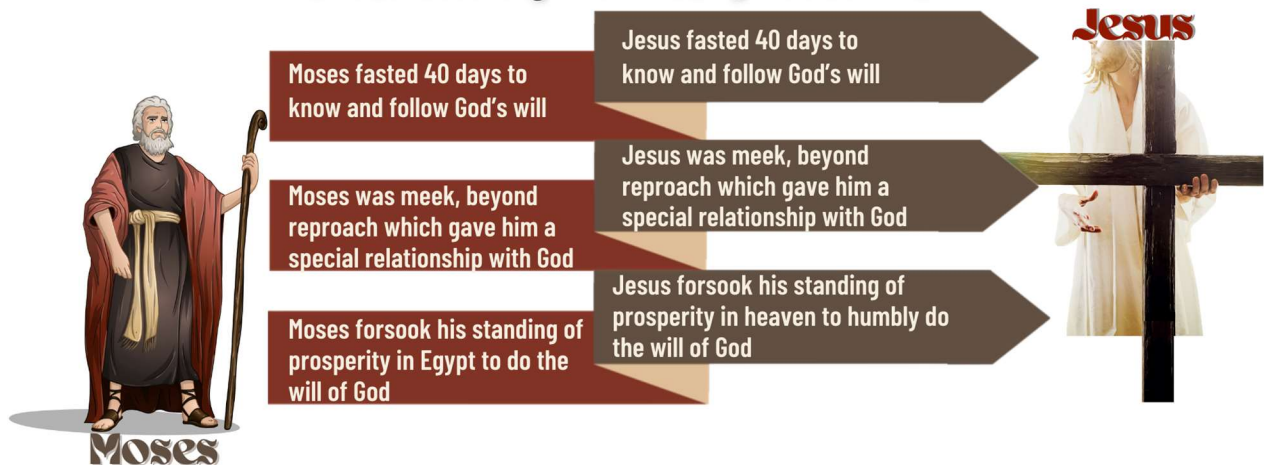
Here we have the lesson of selling all we have for the sake of the kingdom. Jesus divested himself of being a spirit being (the Logos) and became a man. Moses divested himself of the riches of Egypt. The deliverers had to have a special character to rise above the earthly temptations, conveniences and opportunities if they were not in line with God's will. What a lesson for us! Faced with similar temptations, look at how far Lucifer (Satan) fell.

DELIVERING THE DELIVERER:

GOD'S DELIVERERS MAY HAVE HAD AN APPRECIATION FOR THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD, BUT THEY WERE SOLELY DEDICATED TO THINGS OF GOD AND WALKED AWAY FROM ANYTHING LESS THAN GODLINESS.



The characters of Moses and Jesus as men:



It is humbling and even startling to see such greatness in God's service compared. What dramatic examples!

What about the work and ministry of Moses and Jesus? What comparisons and lessons can we see?

While Moses and Jesus both delivered the people, their work was dramatically different. Moses delivered a physical people from slavery and eventually led them to the Promised Land. Jesus delivered a called-out people to a spiritual reward. His work will ultimately deliver all humanity to a perfect earth.



How does the physical deliverance from Egypt that humanity can see and understand, teach us about a spiritual deliverance that is beyond our scope of understanding?

It is hard to imagine heaven and what it means to be called to be a *new creature* as stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Moses delivering the people from Egypt gives us a sense of God's design for all of mankind. We are in "Egypt," picturing the "slavery" of sin and death. Moses brought them out of slavery, out of a picture of sin. This is part of God's plan. It was even hinted at in the



Garden of Eden in [Genesis 3:15](#). The Exodus prepares us to understand Jesus the Messiah and his mission on earth, as well as our part in it.

God had a plan in place from the beginning. He did not make it up as time went on. He showed us what the plan would look like long before it would happen. Moses' physical deliverance of earthly Israel from slavery to freedom and being given God's Law helps us also to understand the call of the true followers of Christ, "spiritual" Israel. We are being freed from sin and are elevated in our life experience prior to the world's deliverance. If we are faithful, we will become part of the church with Jesus as the head, helping to crush all evil and sin from the world. Mankind will be delivered out of "Egypt" forever ([Romans 16:20](#)).

My own definition of leadership is this: The capacity and the will to rally men and women to a common purpose and the character, which inspires confidence.

— General Montgomery



Moses possessed godly wisdom to an extraordinary degree:

[Acts 7:22](#): (NASB) *Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.*

He had both a worldly education and a godly wisdom teaching him how to fulfill God's will.



Jesus possessed godly wisdom to an extraordinary degree:

[John 7:45-46](#): (NASB) ⁴⁵*The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, why did you not bring him?* ⁴⁶*The officers answered, never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.*

We get the sense of the extraordinary degree of godly wisdom in both Moses and Jesus.

Most people can bear adversity. But if you wish to know what a man really is, give him power. — Roger G. Ingersoll (19th century lawyer and author)

Both Moses and Jesus would definitely need to keep both pride and ego in check as they wielded God's great power. Both Moses and Jesus performed many miracles.



[Acts 7:36-37](#): (NASB) ³⁶*This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.* ³⁷*This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren.*

God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren - while the Israelites likely thought Moses was referring to Joshua, we know from [Acts 3:22](#) that this prophet was Jesus.

Moses performed miracles long after the Ten Plagues.



[John 12:37-38](#): (NASB) ³⁷*But though he had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in him.* ³⁸*This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

He performed so many signs, but still people did not believe.



Many of these miracles were quite similar.



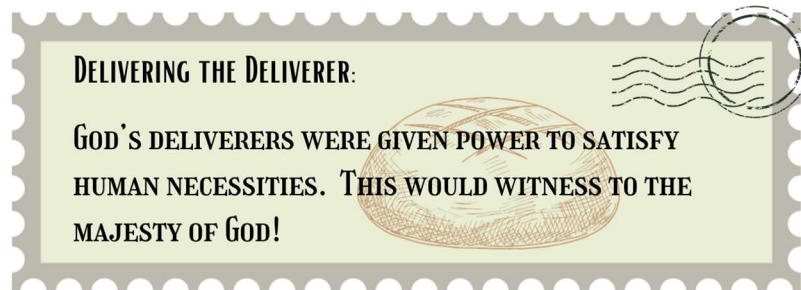
Moses feeding Israel in the desert:

Exodus 16:11-14: (NASB) ¹¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²I have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God. ¹³So it came about at evening that the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the surface of the wilderness there was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the frost on the ground.



Jesus feeding the 5,000:

Matthew 14:19-20: (NASB) ¹⁹Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, he blessed the food, and breaking the loaves he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, ²⁰and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets.



These miracles all have a central theme - witnessing to the majesty of God.



Moses was given power over leprosy:

Exodus 4:6-8: (NASB) ⁶The LORD furthermore said to him, Now put your hand into your bosom. So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. ⁷Then He said, Put your hand into your bosom again. So he put his hand into his bosom again, and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. ⁸If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign.

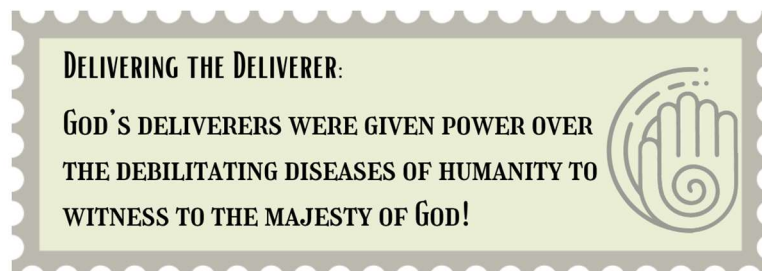
This power to cure leprosy was given to Moses to prove he was a representative of God.



Jesus cured lepers:

Luke 17:12-16: (NASB) ¹²As he entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met him; ¹³and they raised their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, Go and show yourselves to the priests. And as they were going, they were cleansed. ¹⁵Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶and he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

Notice how the leper glorified God, not Jesus. The power came from God.





Moses changed bitter water to sweet:



Exodus 15:23-25: (NASB) ²³When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, what shall we drink? ²⁵Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them.

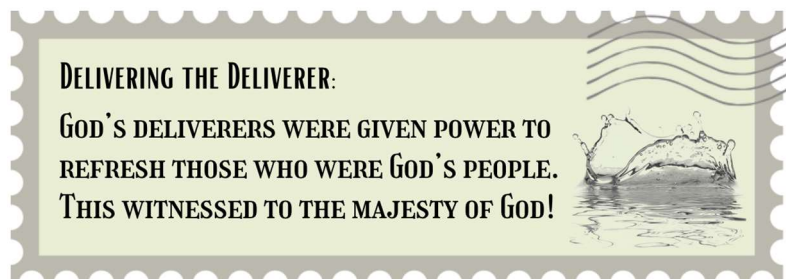
Moses listened and obeyed. He gave the people refreshment where there was none. Moses gave physical water that was pleasant to drink.



Jesus revealed “living” water:

John 4:13-14: (NASB) ¹³Jesus answered and said to her, Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.

Jesus provided spiritual water by which we will never again thirst. Moses showed the natural perspective; Jesus showed the higher spiritual perspective. Moses showed us what Jesus does.



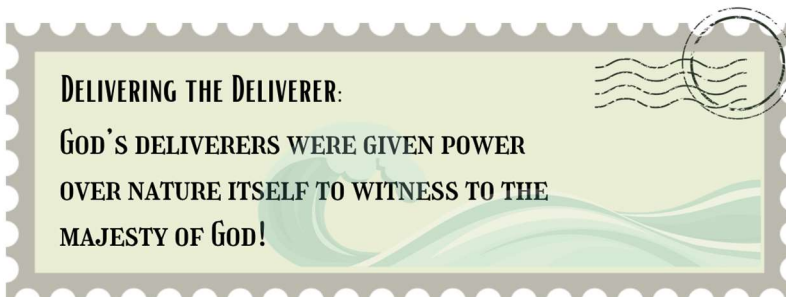
Moses parted the waters of the Red Sea:

Exodus 14:21: (NASB) Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided.



Jesus calmed the waters of Galilee:

Matthew 8:25-26: (NASB) ²⁵And they came to him and woke him, saying, save us, Lord; we are perishing! ²⁶He said to them, Why are you afraid, you men of little faith? Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.



These miracles show us God's power, providence and plan at work!



Moses walked through the parted sea:

Exodus 14:22: (NASB) The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

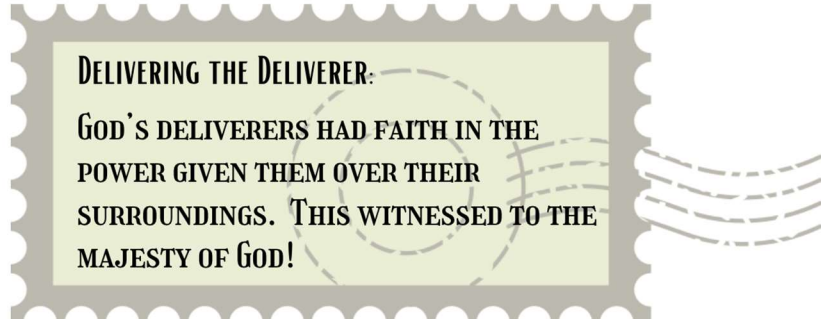
This is an incredible show of God's power and His deliverance. Walking between two walls of water took incredible conviction of faith.



Jesus walked upon the waters of the sea:

Matthew 14:25: (NASB) *And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.*

Moses had to get the sea out of the way to walk through it. Jesus was able to just walk over it. Jesus' miracles were similar but elevated.



The many miracles performed by Moses and Jesus:



The precision with which Moses was a model of Jesus is breathtaking. Israel's deliverance clearly pictured the world's deliverance!

**So far, we have seen the character and works of God's deliverers.
What about their godly leadership?**

Both Moses and Jesus were called upon to not only deliver but to lead the people of God. This is a daunting task as God is so lofty and humanity is so broken by sin. Once again, we will see that many of the things God required of Moses were also required of Jesus. What a powerful prophetic look at the Messiah!

Moses did physical things for the Israelites, but he was an example of what was to come with the Messiah. We can see that when these activities are repeated by Jesus, they are elevated to a much higher spiritual level.



A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be. — Rosalynn Carter

Did the Israelites really want to go into the wilderness? They were excited to leave Egypt because it meant freedom from a life of slavery, but after a few days they missed their beds; they missed their food like garlic and leeks and began to complain.

Do the followers of Jesus really want to sacrifice everything? In a similar reaction, we initially are so overwhelmed by life that we are willing to give up everything to follow Jesus. We want him to take charge. And then LIFE happens and we begin to second guess.

Moses and Jesus show us this type of leadership. They draw us to where we need to be going, even if our flesh is going to argue a little bit...or a lot...or all the time!



Moses was the conduit through which the Passover was established:

Exodus 12:42: (NASB) *It is a night to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the LORD, to be observed by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.*

Moses set up the Passover. God told him what to do and Moses followed through exactly according to God's word. The Passover becomes the first and most important ritual for Israel throughout its history.



Jesus WAS the Passover and established the Memorial upon the Passover's fulfillment:

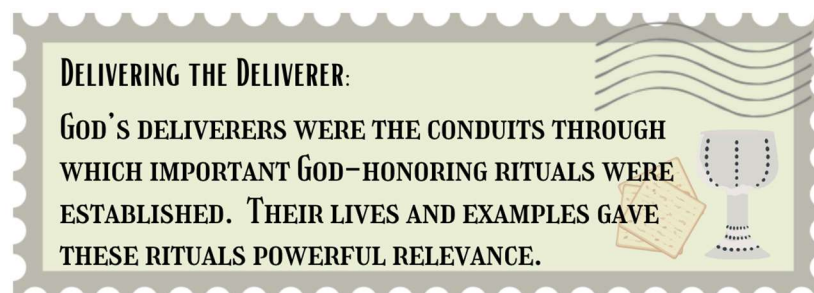
1 Corinthians 11:23-25: (NASB) *²³For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me. ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

The Passover was instituted in order to remind the Jewish people of their deliverance from Egypt. However, it was also to look forward to Jesus. Jesus put the Memorial in place to look back upon and remember his sacrifice. The Passover leads us all the way up to the reality of Jesus, and the Memorial looks back on the reality of Jesus' death and his sacrifice for us.

This Passover connection between Moses and Jesus is very strong.



It is not a coincidence that the great deliverer, Moses, is used to picture Jesus.





A conduit is a pipe through which electrical wires run. It protects the wires from damage and leads them through the walls of our house. The conduit safely delivers the electricity to where it is needed when we flip a switch and demand light, or refrigeration or the ability to run our washing machines. It protects and guides the electricity that drives our lives.

The lives of Moses and Jesus were the conduits for God's will.

Without them, God's will would not have been made manifest.

God gave them power as deliverers. We, as followers of Jesus, can also be the conduits of God's will. We just have to be willing to look for what is expected of us, and express that will in our lives.



Moses was righteously indignant when the people dishonored God:

Exodus 32:19-20: (NASB) ¹⁹*It came about, as soon as Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰He took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water and made the sons of Israel drink it.*

When great leadership sees that God is being dishonored, it jumps to action to do whatever is necessary to protect the sovereignty of God and the sanctity of honoring Him. The Israelites made another god, and Moses would have *nothing* to do with it. He determined to make a lesson that they would always remember.

Moses was carrying the tablets down from the mountain with the very first Commandment, *Thou shall have no other gods before Me!* Seeing the golden calf must have hurt Moses' heart. Moses showed righteous indignation for good reason.



Jesus was righteously indignant when the people dishonored God:

Matthew 21:12-13: (NASB) ¹²*And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³And he said to them, It is written, my house shall be called a house of prayer; but you are making it a robbers' den.*

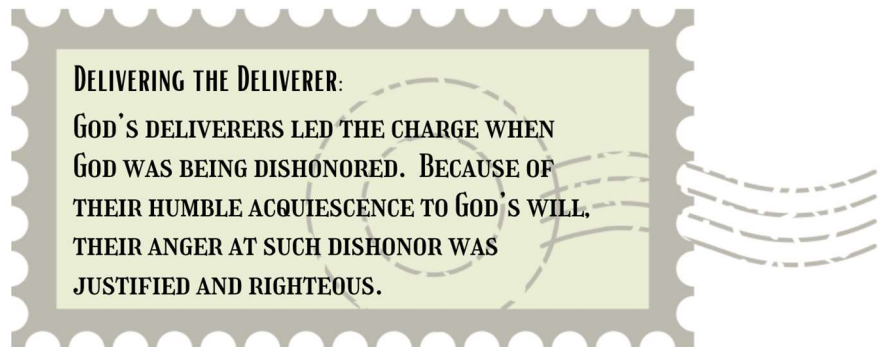
We see Jesus' righteous indignation when they took the sanctity of the Temple and turned it into a money-changing, money-making, cheating organization. Jesus would have none of it. *This is my father's house!* What an incredible similarity. We see the righteous indignation of Moses with the people of Israel because they put other gods before God. Next we see Jesus' anger because the Pharisees had allowed the god of money to dishonor the Temple, God's house. Both Moses and Jesus acted to protect the sovereignty of God and the sanctity of His name.



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Next is a profound similarity:

Moses

Moses was a Mediator between God and Israel:

Galatians 3:19: (NASB) Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

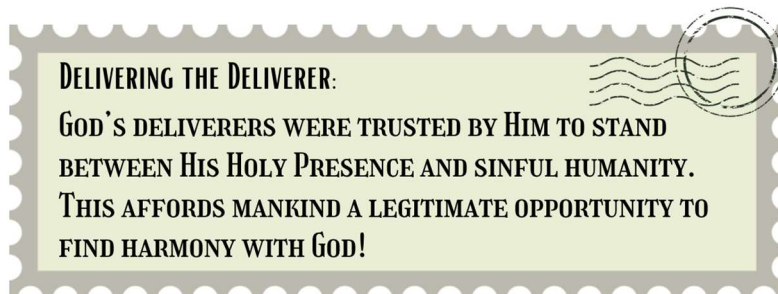
How did Israel hear God's word? They heard it through Moses. God communicated through Moses. As a mediator, Moses brought those two sides together. He brought God's voice to the Hebrews.

Jesus

Jesus will be a Mediator between God and humanity:

1 Timothy 2:5-6: (NASB) ⁵For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.

These verses give us a sense that Jesus will be a mediator in the future. We get the idea that there cannot be a resolution between God and man without a mediator.



Without a mediator, there is no harmony with God. A mediator bridges an impossible gap, bringing two sides together to help them communicate as a go-between. The mediator does not decide the outcome; he interprets and helps the two parties to understand and focus on the important issues to reach a resolution or agreement. Moses mediated for the children of Israel; Jesus mediates for the children of the world. Moses shows us a picture of Jesus.

Moses

Moses, though old in years, died in the prime of his life:

Deuteronomy 34:7: (NASB) Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

Even at 120 years old, this man had energy! He was sharp and physically sound, but it was time for Joshua to lead. Moses had lived a full life but had not lost his vigor.

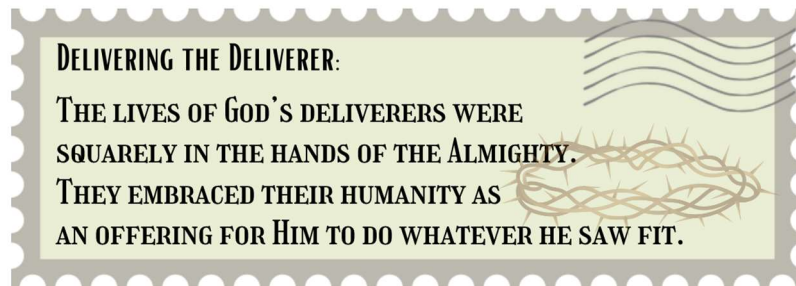


Jesus died in the prime of his life:



Matthew 27:29: (NASB) *And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they knelt down before him and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!*

Jesus was literally a young man, 33½ years old, in the prime of his life. Moses, though much older at 120 years, was still in the prime of his strength. Both deliverers' lives were cut short. Jesus' deliverance work was over a period of 3½ years (about 40 months). Moses' deliverance work was over 40 years.



We can divide the years of Moses' 120 years of life into three equal periods of **40 years**:

The first 40 was a time of discovery, spent in Egypt, growing and learning who he was born to be. Then at age 40, he killed an Egyptian beating one of the Hebrews and fled in exile to the land of Midian.

The second 40 taught him humility and prepared him to lead people, like sheep, through the wilderness. He went from being a Prince of Egypt to tending his father-in-law's sheep. When he was 80 years old, God revealed Himself to Moses in a burning bush and gave him his mission.

The third 40 was spent leading Israel through their wilderness wanderings to the Promised Land. It was 40 years of being a mediator between God and Israel. He trained Joshua to continue as a leader in his stead.

We can divide Jesus' life into three distinct **40-day** periods:

First, he was presented to the Temple in Jerusalem at 40 days old. (Leviticus 12:1-4 tells us that Jewish mothers had to wait 7 days + 33 days from birth of a male child to complete the days of their purification required by Jewish law before they could re-enter the Temple.)

Second, he faced 40 days of fasting and temptations in the wilderness. Here he meditated in solitude, communed with God, faced Satan's temptations and solidified his understanding of his mission.

Third, he ascended to his Father 40 days after his resurrection. He had completed the training of the apostles to carry on once he was gone, and sent them God's holy influence, the holy spirit.

We are just scratching the surface of the comparisons between Moses and Jesus in this podcast. **See the Bonus Material for many more.** It is a powerful



testimony to the providence of God to see the life of Moses reflecting the life of Jesus thousands of years before Jesus lived. It is simply inspiring!



Moses' body would never be found:

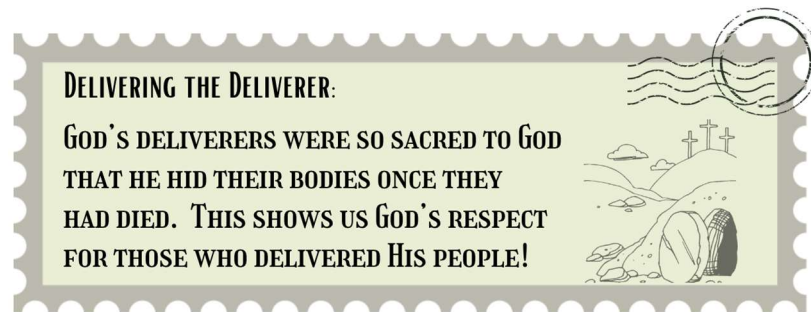
Deuteronomy 34:5-6: (NASB) ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.

When it came time for Moses to die, God took care of his burial in a secretive way. It gives us a sense of awe that God would do that for Moses.



Jesus' body would never be found:

Luke 24:1-3: (NASB) ¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.



Coincidence? No, of course not. We see the honor given to these two deliverers. It is beautiful to see the respect go both ways. Jesus and Moses are the very definition of how to respect God. Similarly, God shows His respect for these individuals by treating them after death in a special and respectful way so that no one can worship their bodies or, conversely, mock them - they are gone. Their work was done. It is a wonderful testimony to their faithfulness and God's appreciation of that faith.



Finally, Moses was dedicated to something he did not see completed:

Hebrews 11:39-40: (NASB) ³⁹And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

Moses, even with all his effort and faithfulness, never saw the fulfillment of the Abrahamic promise (the blessing of all the families of the earth) found in Genesis 22:18 and reiterated several times. None of the faithful ones listed in Hebrews 11 saw it. They will eventually, but they did not before they died. Moses made mistakes because he was imperfect, but he remained faithful. As mediator and leader of the nation, he suffered their punishment along with them for 40 years in the wilderness. He was never able to enter the Promised Land, but God treated him with sacred respect. Moses dedicated himself to something he did not see completed.

Jesus was dedicated to something that he himself completed, in which he rejoices:



Hebrews 12:2: (NASB) *fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*



Jesus, contrary to Moses, did see what he set out to do and completed it. He rejoices in it as he sits *at the right hand of God*. As a perfect man, Jesus has the power to change the world by what he did, with the help of God.

Moses had the power to change Israel to the point that an imperfect human being could do so with the help of God.

They were both given incredible power and privilege because they were so humble and able to be used by God:



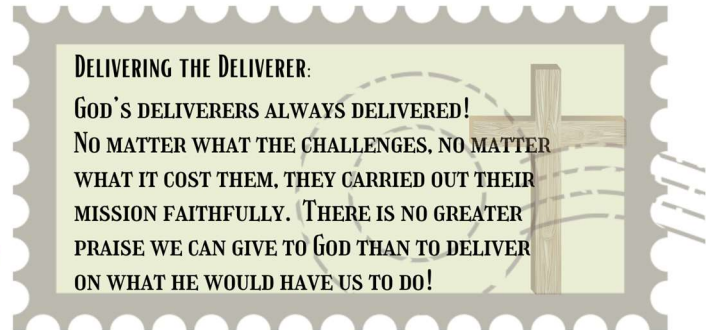
The end result of Moses' work:

A **physical deliverance** of **the nation of Israel** from **slavery in Egypt**.

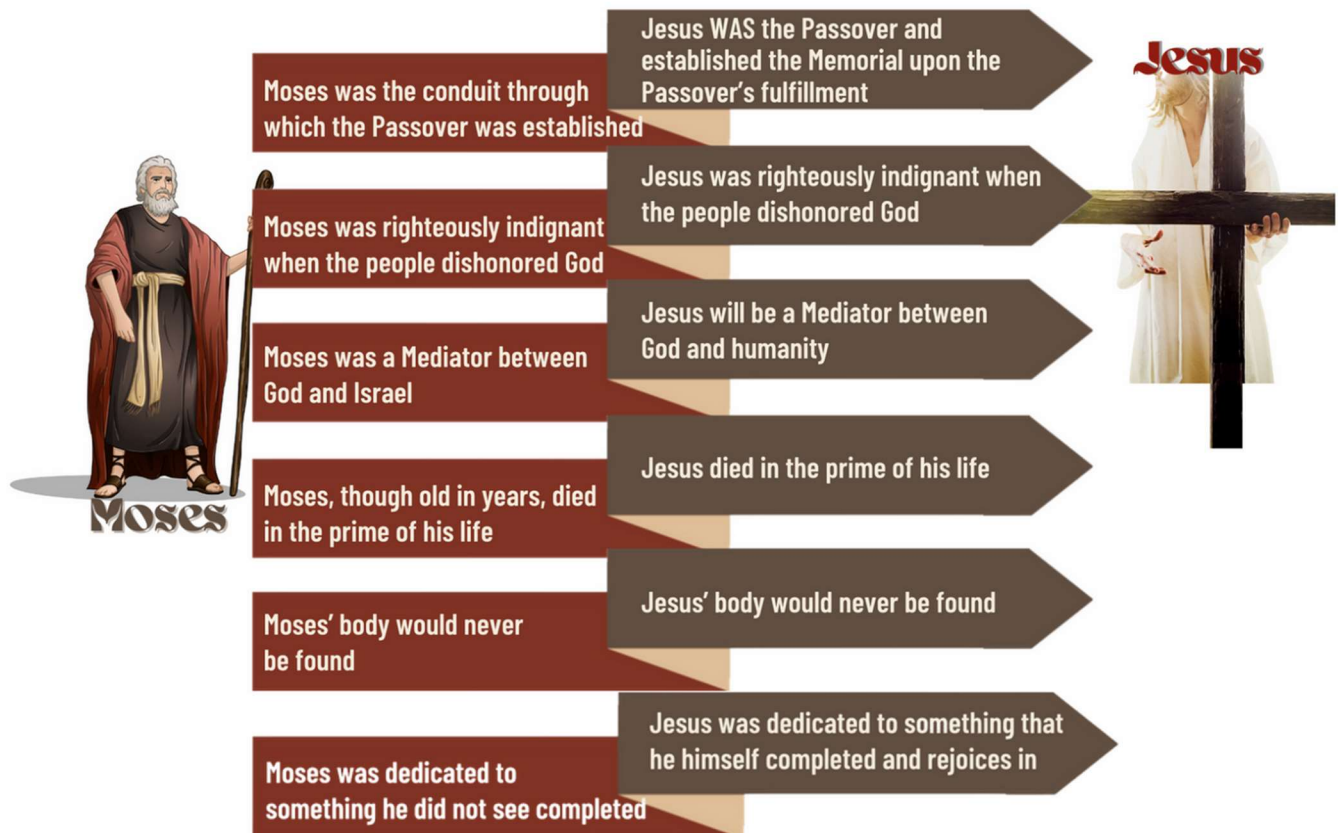


The end result of Jesus' work:

A **spiritual deliverance** of **his faithful followers** and the eventual deliverance **for the world of mankind** from the **slavery of sin and death**.



The godly leadership of Moses and Jesus:



Moses delivered over three million Israelites out of slavery and Jesus will deliver billions upon billions of people out of the slavery of sin and death by the ransom sacrifice of his life offered for father Adam.



Revelation 15:3: (KJV) *And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

These similarities are not a coincidence. We see the incredible connection between the life of Moses the deliverer and the life of Jesus the deliverer. We also see the power of the providence of God. Thousands of years before He delivers humanity from the power of sin and death, He shows us many aspects of what this will look like through the life of Moses, who delivers the physical nation of Israel out of slavery.

There is so much power in the word of God. We want to pay attention, look deeper and let it speak to us to show us God's power, God's will and God's way.

***So, what does Moses the Deliverer teach us about Jesus?
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Think about it...!***



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Bonus Material and Study Questions

You don't lead by pointing and telling people some place to go. You lead by going to that place and making a case. — Ken Kesey

***A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.
— John Maxwell***

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision. It's got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet. — Reverend Theodore Hesburgh

Hebrews 11:23-29: (NASB) ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. ²⁹By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.



Regarding the idea that Moses was “saved” because he was a beautiful child:

(Source: Pink OT) “And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river’s brink.” (Exodus 2:1-3) Much of a sentimental nature has been written on these verses. Commentators have reasoned that it was mother-love and the beauty of the child which caused Jochebed to act as she did. But this will not stand the test of Holy Writ. Scripture informs us that it was neither affection nor infatuation but faith which was the mainspring of action. Hebrews 11:23 declares, “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king’s commandment.” Faith “cometh by hearing” (Roman 10:17) the parents of Moses must, therefore, have received a direct communication from God, informing them of what should happen and instructing them what to do. And they believed what God had told them and acted accordingly.

It was faith which saw that the child was “goodly” (in the sight of God), as it was faith which made them defy “the king’s commandment”--first by hiding the child, later in placing him in the ark of bulrushes. It is true that in this instance grace did not run counter to natural affection; nevertheless, it was not by feelings but “by faith” they acted.

Regarding the idea that Amram married Jochebed, his father’s sister:

Exodus 6:18-20: (NASB) ¹⁸The sons of Kohath: Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the length of Kohath’s life was one hundred and thirty-three years. ¹⁹The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations. ²⁰Amram married his father’s sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the length of Amram’s life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

(Source: Mathew Poole) Verse 20. His father’s sister or rather, kinswoman, or cousin, or niece; for so this Hebrew word is sometimes used, as appears from Jeremiah 32:8,9,12. She is called the daughter of Levi, Exodus 2:1. Answer: Even nieces are oft called daughters, as we have showed. See Luke 1:5, and see Poole “Exodus 2:1”.

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Moses and Jesus PARALLELS

	MOSES	PARALLEL	CHRIST
1	Exodus 1:22	His infancy.	Matthew 2:16
2	Exodus 2:10	Adoption - Moses adopted by Pharaoh's daughter; Jesus adopted by Joseph.	Matthew 1:19-23
3	Matthew 2:13	Childhood. Both called out of Egypt to serve the world. The church is called out of "Egypt" (sin).	Hosea 11:1
4	Acts 7:25	Knowledge of his mission vs. about his Father's business. Both wanted to do the Lord's will, but it was on God's time, not Moses' or Jesus' time. They knew their missions.	Luke 2:40,49
5	Exodus 2:11	Grace. Both brothers to their people; had pity on their brothers.	Hebrews 2:11
6	Acts 7:26-27	Both rejected by their people/brethren.	John 1:11
7	Exodus 2:15	Not wrong to rest to prepare for more work. Both sat by a well.	John 4:4-6
8	Exodus 3:1	Both tended sheep.	John 10:16
9	Exodus 3:10	Both commissioned by God to bring forth the people.	Luke 19:10
10	Exodus 4:12	Both sent forth by God for a specific work.	John 9:4
11	Exodus 4:6-9	Worked miracles. A ministry with three signs, dispelling doubts.	Matthew 4:1-11
12	Exodus 4:19	Returned to his land. Those chasing them were dead.	Matthew 2:19
13	Exodus 14:16	Rod = authority. Moses used the rod to deliver Israel. Jesus used the rod to deliver the world from death.	Psalms 2:9; Isaiah 11:1-4
14	Exodus 7:5	Deliverance of Israel.	John 8:36
15	1 Corinthians 10:1-2	Fathers of old were baptized - covered. Israel pictured in one man, Moses.	Romans 6:3
16	Numbers 16:3	People questioned/challenged their authority; they were not willing to accept the deliverer at that time. Mediator.	Matthew 21:23
17	Psalms 106:16	Envied by those they were serving.	Mark 15:10
18	Exodus 15:24	His person opposed.	John 6:41
19	Exodus 17:4	His life threatened.	John 8:59
20	Numbers 11:11	His sorrows. Despised by the people, but they sorrow for the people.	Isaiah 53:3
21	Exodus 32:32	Moses: mediator of Old Covenant. Jesus; mediator of New Covenant. Parties were humble. Unwearied love.	John 13:1 Hebrews 12:24
22	Numbers 12:13	Forgiving spirit.	1 Peter 2:23
23	Exodus 5:22	Prayerfulness.	Luke 6:12
24	Numbers 12:3	Forgiving spirit; both meek and acceptable to the Lord.	Matthew 11:29
25	Hebrews 3:5	Faithful to the Lord.	Revelation 3:14

26	Exodus 17:6	Provided Israel with water.	John 4:14
27	Deuteronomy 33:4	Kingly rule. Jacob - House of Israel.	Luke 1:32,33 John 13:34-35
28	Exodus 18:13	Judgeship - both judging. Started with Moses, ended with Jesus.	Acts 17:31
29	Exodus 32:34	Leadership.	Hebrews 2:10
30	Deuteronomy 5:5	Mediation.	1 Timothy 2:5
31	Exodus 34:27	Covenant engagement as mediators.	Hebrews 8:6
32	Numbers 11:24	Appointed 70.	Luke 10:1
33	Acts 7:22,23	Wisdom.	Colossians 2:3
34	Exodus 32:11-13	Intercession.	Hebrews 7:25
35	Exodus 34:9-10	Intimate communion.	John 1:18
36	Psalms 103:7	Knowledge of God.	John 5:20
37	Exodus 32:19	His anger.	Mark 3:5
38	Exodus 34:28	Fasting 40 days and 40 nights.	Matthew 4:2
39	Leviticus 8:6	Washed brethren with water.	John 13:5
40	Exodus 40:16	Perfect obedience.	Hebrews 5:8
41	Exodus 40:33	Completing his work.	John 17:4
42	Exodus 39:43	Blessing the people.	Luke 24:50
43	Joshua 1:14	Giving an inheritance.	Ephesians 1:11
44	Joshua 1:2	Death necessary before inheritance.	John 12:24

Moses' life was one of opposites:

- He was the child of a slave and the son of a king
- He was born in a hut and lived in a palace
- He inherited poverty and enjoyed unlimited wealth
- He was the keeper of flocks and the leader of armies
- He was the mightiest of warriors and the meekest of men
- He was educated in the court and dwelt in the desert
- He had the wisdom of Egypt and the faith of a child
- He was fitted for the city and wandered in the wilderness
- He was tempted with the pleasures of sin and endured the hardships of virtue
- He was backward of speech yet talked with God
- He had the rod of a shepherd and power from the Infinite
- He was a fugitive from Pharaoh and an ambassador for the Lord
- He was the giver of the Law and shadowed the forerunner of grace
- No man assisted at his funeral yet God buried him
- His lips are silent yet his voice still speaks

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1164: What Does Moses the Deliverer Teach Us About Jesus?

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See:  **CQRewind**
SHOW NOTES

1. How does the Bible compare Moses to Jesus?
How do their roles in God's house differ? (See Hebrews 3:1-6)
2. What similarities existed between the early lives of Moses and Jesus? How were the time, specialness of each baby and family they were born into, important?
(See Exodus 1:8-11,22, Matthew 2:14-16, Luke 1:30-33, 2:1-3,48-49, Acts 7:20, Hebrews 11:23-24)
3. What character traits did Moses and Jesus share? (See Exodus 34:27-28, Numbers 12:1-9, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 4:1-2, 11:29-30, John 14:8-10, Hebrews 11:24-26)
4. How can we learn from the characters of these great men to work on developing our characters as Christians? What contradictory characteristics are surprisingly necessary for godly leadership? Why is Aristotle's quote so pertinent to this?
5. How does the deliverance that Moses provided the Israelites differ from the deliverance Jesus provides all mankind? How are the deliverances similar?
6. How were Moses' and Jesus' miracles strikingly similar? God's deliverers were given power over what four areas? (See Exodus 4:6-8, 14:21-22, 15:23-25, 16:11-14, Matthew 8:25-26, 14:19-25, Luke 17:12-16, John 4:13-14)
7. How did Jesus fulfill what Moses' spiritual teachings set up? (See Exodus 12:42, 32:19-20, Matthew 21:12-13, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Galatians 3:19, 1 Timothy 2:5-6)
8. How did Jesus' death mirror Moses'? (See Deuteronomy 34:5-7, Matthew 27:29, Luke 24:1-3, Hebrews 11:39-40, 12:2)
9. What was the end result of Moses' work? What was the end result of Jesus' work? What did their dedication lead to?
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