

Easter Sunday – Moses (and Jesus)

Moses might not seem like the right story for Resurrection Sunday, but reading the Gospels and the Exodus, we note quite a number of parallels:

Jesus leaves the glory of heaven to come and be incarnated, be the Savior. Moses despises his royal upbringing, to be the deliverer of Israel. Heb. 11:24

When Moses was born, Pharaoh decreed that baby boys be thrown into the Nile River.

When Jesus was born, Herod decreed that baby boys in the region of Bethlehem be killed.

Joseph and Mary flee Canaan for Egypt, at the Lord's command.

Moses leaves Egypt to take the people to Canaan, at the Lord's command.

God uses people who do not believe in Him, as key players in the story:

- * The daughter of Pharaoh, raises the boy Moses in the palace, as her son.
- * The Roman Emperor decrees a census, and thus Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

God hears the groaning of his people after 400 plus years of oppression in Egypt, and sends a deliverer.

God hears the groaning of Israel under Roman oppression, and 400 years of silence since the prophets, and sends John the Baptizer, and then Messiah.

Moses confronts the Pharaoh.

Jesus confronts the religious leaders of Israel.

The Hebrews put blood on the doorposts, for protection from the angel of death.

Jesus sheds his blood on Calvary to bring forgiveness and eternal life.

Moses teaches the people the 10 Commandments and the Law of God.

Jesus teaches the multitudes, saying: "you have heard that it was said... but I say to you".

When Israel left Egypt in the middle of the night, others from many nations went with them, and were delivered from slavery.

At the cross, Jesus offers salvation to Jews and to all nations.

To leave Egypt, the Hebrew people had to follow Moses in faith.

To leave our sin, we need to follow Jesus in faith.