



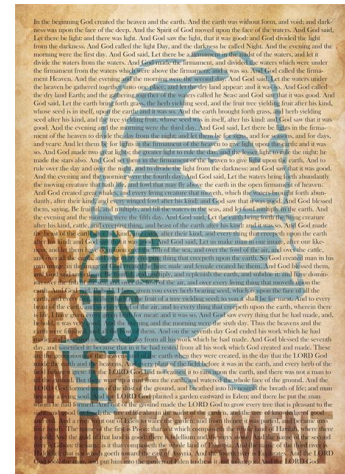
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# CBI e-Bulletin

## April 2019

Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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## Joseph, Image of God's Son

Martin Luther once spoke of Joseph the patriarch as “an image of God’s Son.” How could that be? Well, the more I study the final chapters of the book of Genesis, the more I’m convinced that Luther might have been on to something! Consider, for example, some of the many similarities that exist between Joseph and Jesus as given below:

- Joseph is introduced to us as a beloved son of his father Jacob (Gen. 37:3), just as Jesus, of course, is the beloved son of our heavenly Father (Mt. 3:17).
- Even though Joseph’s own brothers hate him (Gen. 37:4), his father still sends him to be with them for the sake of their wellbeing (Gen. 37:14). This, as you probably know, won’t turn out so well for Joseph! In a similar manner, Jesus “came to his own, and his own people did not receive him” (Jn. 1:11).
- Both Joseph and Jesus have their own garments stripped off of them (Gen. 37:23; Mt. 27:28), and both Joseph and Jesus are also betrayed for pieces of silver (Gen. 37:28; Mt. 26:15).
- Before Joseph’s rise to power he was cast into a pit, a place that’s often used in the Bible to depict the realm of death (see, for example, Ps. 30:9: “What profit is there in my *death*, if I go down to the *pit*?”). So also was it necessary for Jesus first to die before his own rise to power over the pit of the grave (Rev. 1:18).
- Joseph’s brothers were afraid multiple times throughout the story (see Gen. 42:35; 43:18, 23), but Joseph would eventually reveal himself to them and speak a word of peace: “Peace to you, do not be afraid” (Gen. 43:23). In a similar manner, Jesus reveals himself to his fearful disciples with a message of “Peace be with you” (Jn. 20:21, 26).
- After Joseph is restored to his brothers, he tells them that they must go and tell his father about everything that has happened (Gen. 45:13). So also Jesus, after being restored to his disciples, tells them to go into all the nations and teach them everything that he commanded them (Mt. 28:18-20).
- Finally, even though the brothers of Joseph meant a great deal of evil against him, God worked it out such that many people would live (see esp. Gen. 45:5-8; 50:20). Even though a great deal of evil was also meant against Jesus as he went the way of the cross, God was working out his plan of eternal life for the masses.

In sum, then, I think it's safe to say that Luther was right! In Joseph we are able to see a rich picture of a much greater Joseph to come, a true "image of God's Son."

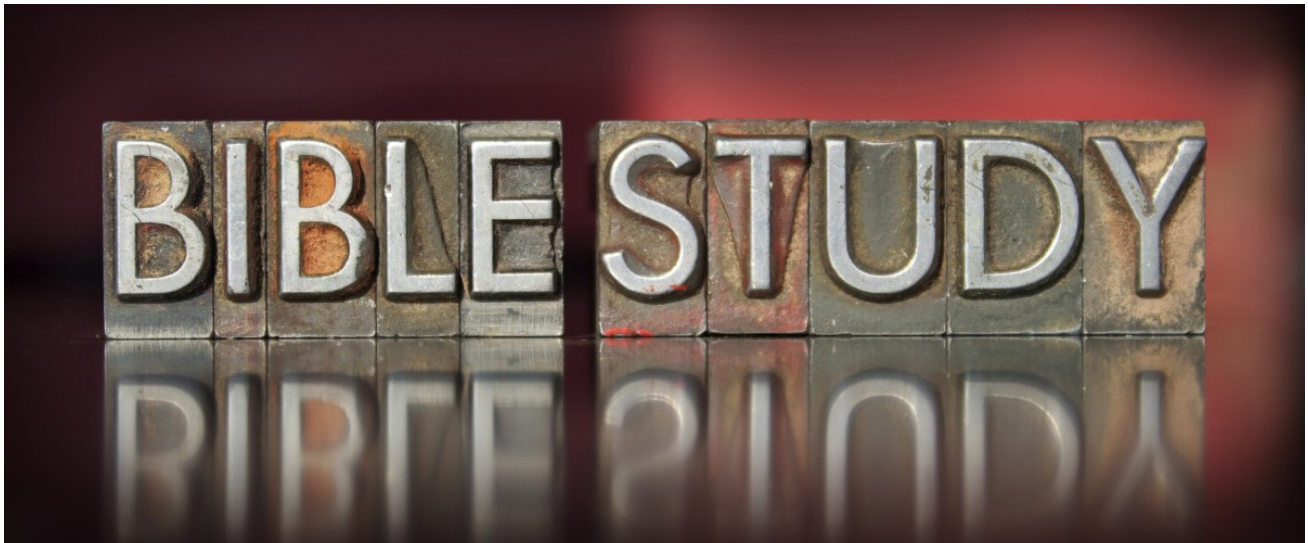
Dr. Brian German  
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

For more on the Joseph narrative, click on the following link to listen to a recent interview with Dr. German about Joseph on Issues Etc.:

<https://issuesetc.org/tag/brian-german/>

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## Upcoming Events



### **Spring In-Depth Bible Studies:**

**April 1** - Dr. Daniel Paavola

"Grace, Faith, Scripture: A Portrait of a Lutheran"

**April 8** - Dr. Brian German

"Fine Details in the Passion Narrative"

***Snacks are provided! Bring a Bible and a friend!***

All classes will be 6:30pm to 8:30pm and held in the Friends of Concordia room.

\$20 regular registration per class

FREE for CUW faculty/staff/students



## Spring CBI Seminar:

### **The Gospel of John: Round Two**

Featuring Rev. Dr. William Weinrich

Saturday, May 4  
8:45am to 2:30pm in the

Pharmacy Building

\$30 regular registration

\$10 CUW faculty/staff/students



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## **Read the Bible in a Year**

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                                     | Friday                                       | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|   | <b>1</b><br>Isaiah 25:1-9<br>Romans 1-3        | <b>2</b><br>Psalm 114<br>Romans 4-6            | <b>3</b><br>Psalm 115<br>Romans 7-9   | <b>4</b><br>Psalm 116<br>Romans 10-13        | <b>5</b><br>Psalm 117<br>Romans 14-16        | <b>6</b><br>Psalm 118<br>1 Cor. 1-3             |
| <b>7</b><br>Psalm 119:1-8<br>1 Cor. 4-6                                 | <b>8</b><br>Psalm 119:9-16<br>1 Cor. 7-9       | <b>9</b><br>Psalm 119:17-24<br>1 Cor. 10-11    | <b>10</b><br>Ps. 119:25-32<br>1 Cor. 12-14  | <b>11</b><br>Ps. 119:33-40<br>1 Cor. 15-16   | <b>12</b><br>Ps. 119:41-48<br>2 Cor. 1-4     | <b>13</b><br>Ps. 119:49-56<br>2 Cor. 5-7        |
| <b>14</b><br>Ps. 119:57-64<br>2 Cor. 8-10                               | <b>15</b><br>Ps. 119:65-72<br>2 Cor. 11-13     | <b>16</b><br>Ps. 119:73-80<br>Galatians 1-3    | <b>17</b><br>Ps. 119:81-88<br>Galatians 4-6   | <b>18</b><br>Ps. 119:89-96<br>Ephesians 1-3  | <b>19</b><br>Ps. 119:97-104<br>Ephesians 4-6 | <b>20</b><br>Ps. 119:105-112<br>Philippians 1-2 |
| <b>21</b><br>Ps. 119:113-120<br>Philippians 3-4<br><b>Happy Easter!</b> | <b>22</b><br>Ps. 119:121-128<br>Colossians 1-2 | <b>23</b><br>Ps. 119:129-136<br>Colossians 3-4 | <b>24</b><br>Ps. 119:137-144<br>1 Thess. 1-3  | <b>25</b><br>Ps. 119:145-152<br>1 Thess. 4-5 | <b>26</b><br>Ps. 119:153-160<br>2 Thess. 1-3 | <b>27</b><br>Ps. 119:161-168<br>1 Timothy 1-3   |
| <b>28</b><br>Ps. 119:169-176<br>1 Timothy 4-6                           | <b>29</b><br>Psalm 120<br>2 Timothy 1-2        | <b>30</b><br>Isaiah 25:1-9<br>2 Timothy 3-4    | A decorative graphic for the month of April. It features a wooden cross, several colorful Easter eggs, and the word "April" in large, colorful, stylized letters. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. |  |  |   |

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