

## Hebrews 11:22

### Bury My Bones

*An extraordinary life ...*

#### I. The Life of Joseph

A. A Constant Test of Faith

B. The Key to Success

#### II. The Afterlife of Joseph

A. Out of Egypt

B. To Canaan's Land

#### III. And Beyond

A. A Glorious Type

B. Deliverance, Rest & Resurrection

*... with an eye toward heaven.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. What do you know about Joseph?

2. How did he keep his faith strong when he faced so much trouble?

3. Joseph wanted his bones to be buried in the Promised Land when he died ... and much later they were. But when Joseph died, where did his soul go?

## **Bury Me Not in Egypt**

Proper burial of the deceased has great significance in the history of God's people. Judeo-Christian tradition has by and large affirmed the biblical anticipation of bodily resurrection by practicing burial as the norm. There is even a long-held tradition that feet would be positioned on the east side of the grave so that, at Christ's return, assumed to be from the east, the resurrected saint would be facing the right direction when raised. Many of us take interest in where our remains will be laid upon our passing – perhaps our hometown, or for some, a military cemetery. Even though believers know that our souls go to be with the Lord, we still place some emphasis on the placement of the “mortal coil” that we shed, and there's nothing wrong with that. Joseph was adamant that his remains would not be left in Egypt when Israel exited – his desire was that his bones would be laid to rest in the Promised Land, that earthy type of a glorious Heaven. There are far too many significant symbolic items in the life and death of Joseph to touch on here, but suffice it to say, this servant had faith that helped him look far higher than his earthly circumstances and way beyond the end of his life's journey. In life he trusted in his Sovereign God. In anticipation of his death, he envisioned deliverance from the house of bondage into the rest and beauty of life in the presence of the Lord.