

# Teaching/Midrash

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## Midrash with Questions

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# Why did Yehudah call himself a servant to Yoseph?

## Exodus 22:1-4

- (1) "When a man steals an ox or a sheep, and shall slaughter it or sell it, he repays five cattle for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.
- (2) "If the thief is found breaking in, and he is smitten so that he dies, there is no guilt for his bloodshed.
- (3) "If the sun has risen on him, there is guilt for his bloodshed, he shall certainly repay. If he has not the means, then he shall be sold for his theft.
- (4) "If the theft is indeed found alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or sheep, he repays double.

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Galatians 6:7

(7) Do not be led astray: Elohim is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he shall also reap.

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What did Yehudah  
offer to do ?

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John 10:17

(17) “Because of this the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, in order to receive it again.

John 15:13

(13) “No one has greater love than this: that one should lay down his life for his friends.

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## Genesis 44:33

(33) “And now, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a slave to my master, and let the boy go up with his brothers.

## Genesis 43:8-9

(8) *And Yehudah said to Yisra’el his father, “Send the boy with me, and let us arise and go, and live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.*

(9) *“I myself shall stand guaranty for him – from my hand you are to require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.*

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Yehudah offered his life  
for his brother.  
Who does this point to?

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Mark 10:45

(45) “For even the Son of Aḏam did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28

(28) even as the Son of Aḏam did not come to be served, but to serve,<sup>1</sup> and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

1 John 3:16

(16) By this we have known love, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brothers.

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## Genesis 45:1-3

(1) And Yosëph was unable to restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he called out, "Have everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Yosëph made himself known to his brothers.

(2) And he wept aloud, and the Mitsrites and the house of Pharaoh heard it.

(3) And Yosëph said to his brothers, "I am Yosëph, is my father still alive?" But his brothers were unable to answer him, for they trembled before him.

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Yoseph was alone with his brothers. Who was also alone when he revealed himself?

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John 20:19

(19) When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the taught ones met, for fear of the Yehudim, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace to you."

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Why were the brothers unable to answer and trembled before him?

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John 14:9

(9) יְהֵשׁוּעַ said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father, and how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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## Ezekiel 37:15-16

(15) And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,  
 (16) “And you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it, ‘For Yehuḏah and for the children of Yisra’ēl, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Yosēph, the stick of Ephrayim, and for all the house of Yisra’ēl, his companions.’

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How are the Torah Portion and  
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Who approached whom first  
and why?

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Romans 5:8

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Luke 19:10

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