

A SINNER'S SUBSTITUTE
(Genesis 44:1-34)

- I. Joseph's PLAN (Gen. 44:1-15)
 - A. REVEALING the PLAN (44:1-5)
 - 1. The plan's DETAILS
 - a. He would RETURN their MONEY
 - b. He would PLANT Joseph's CUP in BENJAMIN'S sack
 - c. He would accuse them of THEFT, INGRATITUDE, and APOSTASY
 - 2. The plan's PURPOSE
 - a. It would CONVICT them of SIN
 - b. It would TEST their CHARACTER
 - c. It would REVEAL their ATTITUDE toward BENJAMIN
 - B. FINDING the CUP (44:6-12)
 - 1. The steward's ACCUSATION
 - 2. The brothers' PROTEST
 - a. They had RETURNED their MONEY
 - b. They ALL offered to be ENSLAVED, with the GUILTY to pay with his LIFE
 - 3. The steward's INTENTION to enslave only the GUILTY
 - 4. The brothers' DISMAY

- a. They HELPED the steward SEARCH
 - b. They FOUND the cup in BENJAMIN'S sack
 - c. They DEMONSTRATED a CHANGED character
 - C. CONFRONTING the BROTHERS (44:13-15)
 - 1. The brothers' HUMILITY
 - 2. Joseph's ACCUSATION
- II. Judah's PLEA (Gen. 44:16-34)
 - A. ADMITTING their GUILT (44:16-17)
 - 1. They SURRENDERED to SERVITUDE
 - 2. Joseph gave them ANOTHER opportunity to LEAVE
 - B. ASKING for MERCY (44:18-31)
 - 1. Judah asked him to SPARE BENJAMIN
 - 2. Judah asked him to CONSIDER their FATHER
 - C. OFFERING a SUBSTITUTE (44:32-34)
 - 1. Judah had pledged FULL RESPONSIBILITY for Benjamin
 - 2. He would claim Benjamin's SACK as HIS OWN
 - 3. He proved his LOVE for BANJAMIN and JACOB
 - 4. He demonstrated a TRUE picture of CHRISTLIKENESS