

“The Sign of the Prophet Jonah”

“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai” (*Jonah 1:1*)

- ◇ *Jonah 1*: Jonah _____ to Tarshish, is caught in a mighty tempest, and swallowed by a great fish
- ◇ *Jonah 2*: After 3 days and 3 nights, Jonah prays to the LORD and is vomited onto dry land
- ◇ *Jonah 3*: Jonah proclaims the word of the LORD to _____ and the people repent

“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered [Jesus]” (*Matt 12:38-42; Luke 11:29-32*)

- ◇ Scribes and Pharisees: “Teacher, we wish to see a _____ from you” (*Matt 12:38*)
- ◇ Jesus: “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign...” (*Matt 12:39a*)
 - “...but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet _____” (*Matt 12:39b-40*)
 - ⇒ Jonah was 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of the great fish
 - ⇒ So will the Son of Man be 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth
 - “The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment and condemn this generation (*Matt 12:41*)”
 - ⇒ They _____ at the preaching of Jonah
 - ⇒ Behold, something greater than Jonah is here

“The sign of the prophet Jonah”

- ◇ The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai...
 - ...Jesus is the _____ who became flesh and dwelt among us (*John 1:1, 14*).
- ◇ Jonah heard the word of the LORD and ran in the opposite direction of Nineveh...
 - ...Jesus had already _____ his face to go to Jerusalem (*Luke 9:51*).
- ◇ Jonah was picked up and hurled into the sea...
 - ...Jesus would be _____ up and suspended between heaven and earth (*John 12:32-33*).
- ◇ Jonah’s “entombment” was because of his own rebellion...
 - ...Jesus’ entombment would be for the rebellion of _____ (*Luke 24:44-47*)
- ◇ Jonah’s “resurrection” came after his repentance...
 - ...Jesus’ resurrection provided mankind the opportunity for _____ (*Acts 1:3; 2:38*).
- ◇ Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah...
 - ...so many _____ to repent even though Jesus provided the way of salvation (*Luke 2:34; John 2:18-22; Rom 1:1-5; 4:24-25; Acts 17:30-31*).

The Prophet, the Christ, the Sign... and You

- ◇ Are you trying to _____ from God?
- ◇ What will you _____ with Jesus?
- ◇ Have you responded to the _____ that echoes from the sign?