

# August 30, 2020 Jonah

Jason Rodgers

September 15, 2020

Sermon Audio file

Jonah 1-2

Aug. 30, 2020

Intro:

What is the book of Jonah about? It's not simply about a big fish (4x), or a great city (9x) or a disobedient prophet (18x). It is about God. God is mentioned 38x in these four short chapters, and if you took Him out the story would make no sense at all! The book of Jonah is about the will of God and how we respond to it. It's also about the love of God and how we share it with others. In the first two chapters we see three experiences of Jonah:

Rebellion (1:1-17)

Jonah the prophet disobey's God's call (1-3)

He got in trouble because of wrong attitudes

about the will of God  
toward the Word of God  
toward circumstances  
toward the Gentiles

Jonah the Jew becomes a curse instead of a blessing (4-10)

Jonah lost much because he wasn't a blessing to others

lost the voice of God (1:4)  
lost his spiritual energy (5b)  
lost his power of prayer (5a-6)  
lost his testimony (7-10)

Jonah the rebel suffers for his sins (11-17)

## II. Repentance (2:1-9)

Notice the stages of his spiritual experience as described in his prayer

He prayed for God's help (1-2)

He accepted God's discipline (3)

He trusted God's promises (4-7)

### III. Redemption (2:10)

The miracle

The sign (Matt. 12:39; 16:4; Luke 11:29)

Matthew 12:39 But He answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation demands a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."

Matthew 16:4 An evil and adulterous generation demands a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of[a] Jonah." Then He left them and went away.

Luke 11:29 As the crowds were increasing, He began saying: "This generation is an evil generation. It demands a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah

The "sign of Jonah" is seen in Jesus death, burial and resurrection on the third day

The important thing is that centuries after the even of Jonah, it became a "sign" to the Jewish people that pointed them to Jesus.