



God of the Second Chance

Message "The Sign of Jonah"

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Matthew 12:38-41

³⁸ Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you." ³⁹ He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

What was the "Sign of Jonah"?

1. It was a validation of Christ's _____

As Jonah came back from the depths, Christ's resurrection authenticated our Lord's claim to be God.

Genesis 1:1-4

¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good: and He divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:8 God called the expanse "sky". And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

Genesis 1:13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

Genesis 1:19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

2. It was a demonstration of the _____ of God

The story of Jonah is the story of God Who continues to extend love, grace, and forgiveness.

3. It was a warning of God's _____

For those who reject the gospel message, there awaits condemnation.