

Jesus In The Manuscript of Matthew

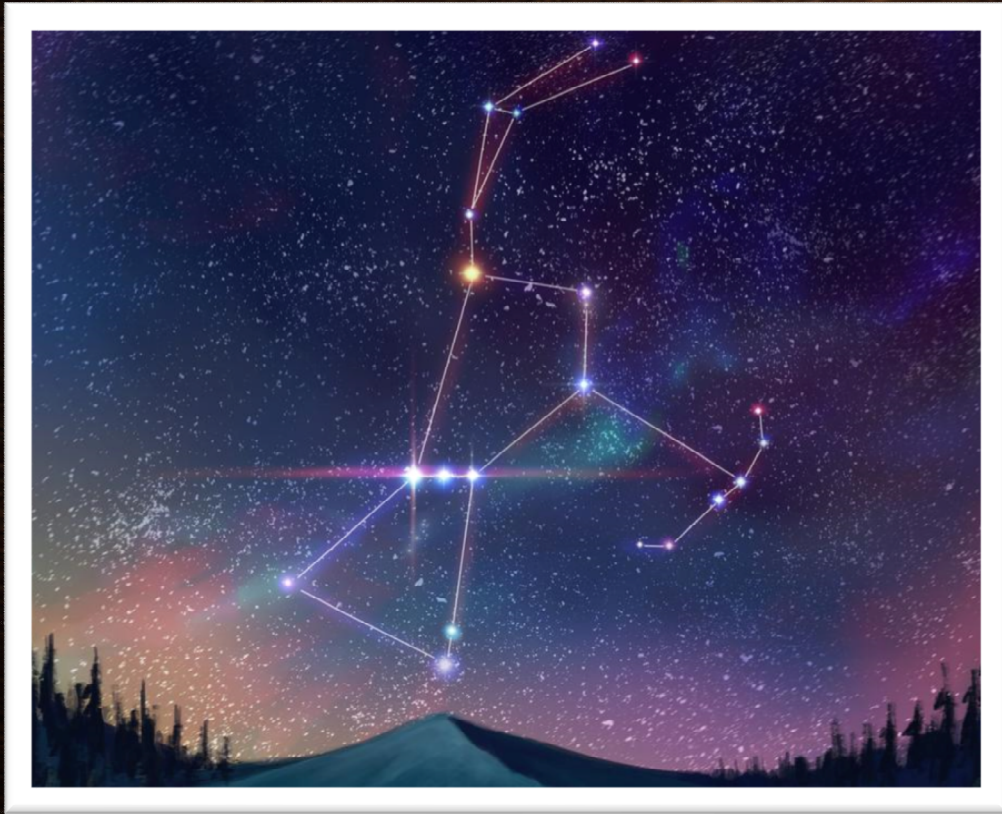
MESSAGE #42: OK, PROVE IT!

MATTHEW 12:38-42

Notice the Text...

- A Sinister Request (v. 38)
 - The Pharisees wanted some sort of grandiose miracle...
- A Severe Rebuke (v. 39)
 - Jesus labels the Pharisees as “evil and adulterous” for at least three reasons...
 1. They had set themselves up as Judge.
 2. They were idol worshipers at heart.
 3. They failed to understand the limitations of their request.





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Notice the Signs!

- A Signpost Reminder #1 – Jonah (v. 39b-41)
 - Jesus Is Greater Than Jonah...
 - As A Prophet – Jonah ran from his mission, but Jesus ran to his mission.
 - As A Giver – Jonah gave up his life for his sins, but Jesus gave up his life for our sins.
 - As A Messenger – Jonah grudgingly gave his message of salvation, but Jesus gladly gave his message of salvation.



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- A Signpost Reminder #2 – Solomon (v. 42)

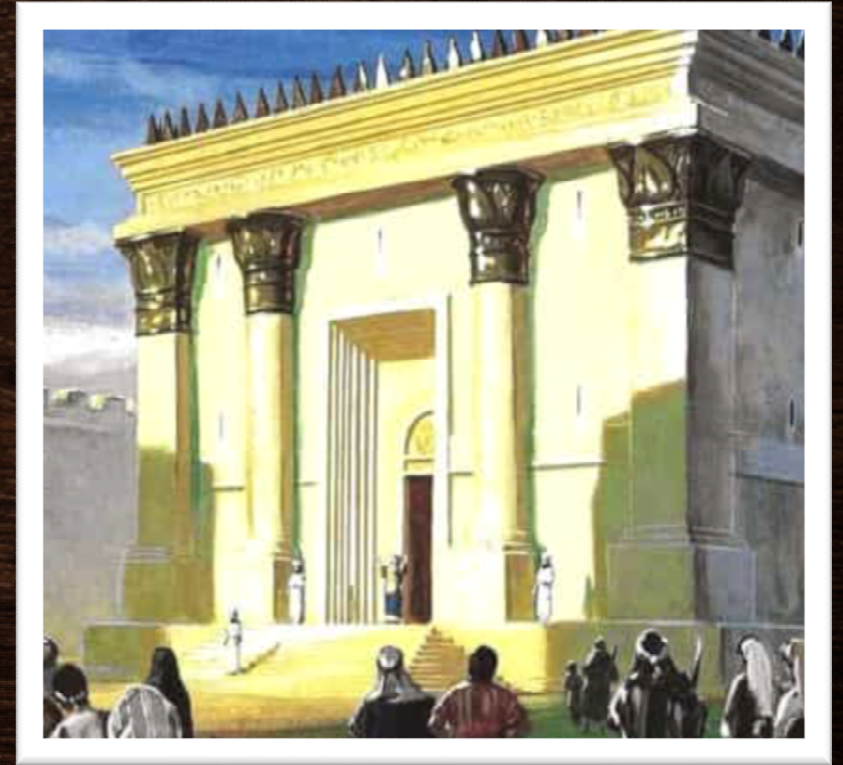
- Jesus Is Greater Than Solomon...

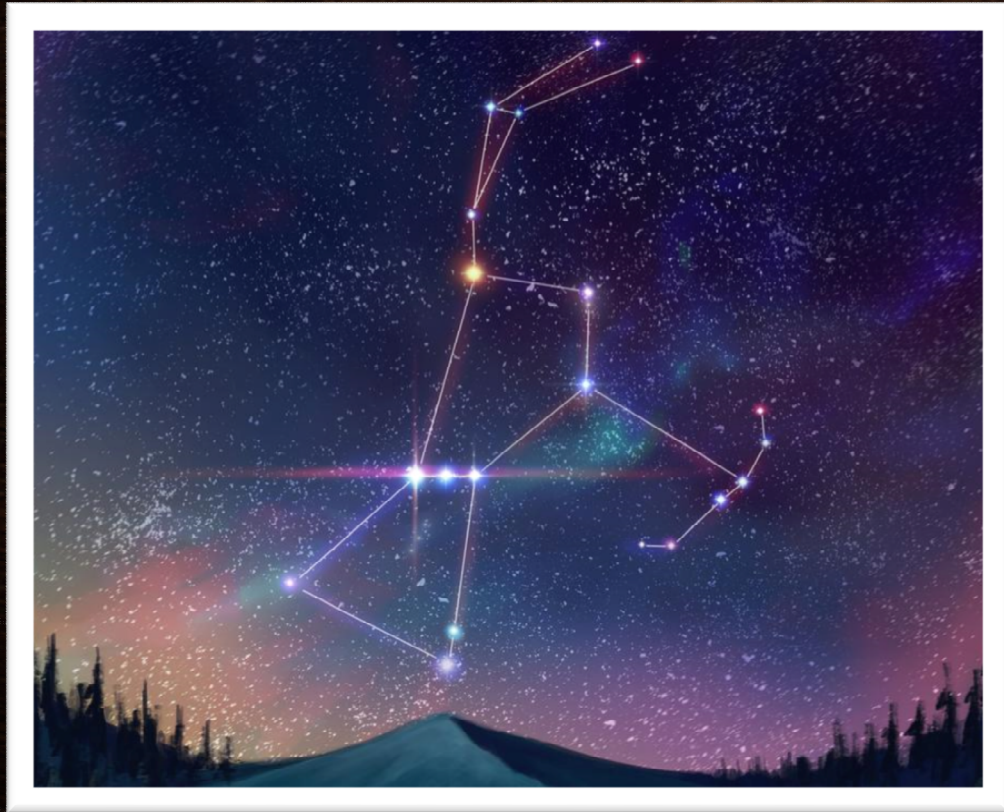
- As A King – Solomon was merely a human king, but Jesus is the divine king.
- As A Wiseman – Solomon experienced wisdom as he sinned, but Jesus experiences wisdom away from sin.
- As A Scholar – Solomon wrote many words, but Jesus is the Word.



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- A Signpost Reminder #3 – The Temple (v. 6)
 - Jesus Is Greater Than The Temple...
 - As A Priest – The OT priests served as sinners, but Jesus, as our great high priest, serves as the sinless one.
 - As A Sacrifice – The OT priests made sacrifice for their sins, but Jesus is the sacrifice for our sins.
 - As An Authority – The OT priests ministered under the authority of the Law, but Jesus is the authority over the Law.





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