



Introduction: Are you a _____ person?

I. We want to see a _____ from you – 12:38

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”

As I read through this verse, I saw three very clear thoughts being presented. Let me point them out for you:

1. Look who _____ (said to Him or answered).

2. Look at how they _____ Jesus.

These religious leaders now call Jesus, “Teacher”.

3. Look at what they _____ Jesus for.

“We want a sign from you.”

The Greek word for “sign” is “semeion.” However, they don’t just want a sign, no, they want Jesus to perform a “made-to-order” miracle, or an “out-of-this-

world sensational sign.” They want such a miracle that would remove all their doubt as to His identity.

The Message translates verse 38 like this,

Later a few religion scholars and Pharisees got on him. “Teacher, we want to see your credentials. Give us some evidence that God is in this, How about a miracle?”

II. An _____ and _____ generation seeks after a sign – 12:39

³⁹ *But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.*

Now, here in verse 39, we have Jesus’ response to the scribes and the Pharisees’ request. Jesus says two things to them:

1. An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign.

- **Jesus calls them _____** (some translations use the word, wicked). Remember, we just finished looking at the good tree and the bad tree (Matthew 12:33-37). The scribes and Pharisees were the bad tree with rotten fruit.
- **Jesus calls them an _____ generation.** The word adulterous is speaking about Israel’s unfaithfulness to God.

2. No sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet _____.

Jesus made it clear that He wasn’t going to perform a sign for the sake of performing a sign – **No _____** shall be given.

However, Jesus did say that they would _____ a sign. The sign of the prophet Jonah. What is the sign of the prophet Jonah? We will pick this up in the next point...

III. The Sign of _____ – 12:40

⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The Story of the Prophet Jonah

First, Jesus testifies to the _____ of the account of the prophet Jonah.

Second, as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a **BIG FISH**, so will the Son of Man be three _____ and three _____ in the heart of the earth. The sign is simply Jesus' death.

The word "*heart*" here in this verse denotes the "interior of a thing."

There is NO greater _____ than that!

**Three Days and Three Nights
= 72 Hours**

The Resurrection is the _____. Don't miss this.

IV. The men of _____ shall rise up in judgment – 12:41

⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

1. The men of Ninevah shall _____ up in judgment with this generation and condemn it.

2. The men of Nineveh _____ when Jonah preached.

V. The queen of the south shall _____ up in judgment with this generation and condemn it – 12:42

⁴² The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

1. The queen of the South will _____ up in judgment with this generation and condemn it.

2. The queen of the South _____ a great distance to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

3. A greater than _____ is in your presence.

Conclusion: Are you a _____ person?

Here are the take-home truths from this section of Matthew 12:

1. Don't seek the _____, seek Jesus Christ.

2. It is an evil and adulterous generation that seeks after a _____.

3. The _____ of Jesus Christ is the GREATEST sign of all. Jesus Christ is ALIVE!

4. A greater than _____ is here – Jesus Christ.

5. A greater than _____ is here – Jesus Christ.

6. Now is the time to _____, to turn from your sin, and to turn to Jesus Christ for salvation.

7. _____ Him – receive His truth.