

2025_6_29 Jonah

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2. The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it because their evil has come up before me."

3. Jonah got up to flee to Tarshish from the LORD's presence. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.

4. He paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the LORD's presence.

Jonah 1v1-3 (CSB)

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6. Why does Jonah run from God?

7. The Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1v17 (CSB)

8. I called to the Lord in my distress, and he answered me. I cried out from deep inside Sheol; you heard my voice.

Jonah 2v2 (CSB)

9. The LORD—the LORD is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth, maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin.

Exodus 34v6-7a (CSB)

10. Jonah is deeply offended that God would show mercy and forgive Israel's enemy.

11. The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach the message that I tell you."

12. Jonah got up and went to Nineveh according to the LORD's command.

Jonah 3v1-3 (CSB)

13. "He [God] is just and holy and cannot tolerate sin, and his love and patience create the space for repentance, not for endless, sustained rebellion."

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14. Jonah set out on the first day of his walk in the city and proclaimed, "In forty days Nineveh will be demolished!"

Jonah 3v4 (CSB)

15. Demolished = Overturned

- destroyed (Gen. 19v21)
- transformed/changed (1 Sam. 10v6)

16. Then the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least.

17. When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he issued a decree in Nineveh:

18. By order of the king and his nobles: No person or animal, herd or flock, is to taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink water. Furthermore, both people and animals must be covered with sackcloth, and everyone must call out earnestly to God.

19. Each must turn from his evil ways and from his wrongdoing. Who knows? God may turn and relent; he may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

Jonah 3v5-9 (CSB)

20. Jonah was greatly displeased and became furious. He prayed to the LORD, "Please, LORD, isn't this what I said while I was still in my own country?"

21. That's why I fled toward Tarshish in the first place. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and one who relents from sending disaster.

22. And now, LORD, take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

Jonah 4v1-3 (CSB)

23. So may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?"

Jonah 4v11 (CSB)

24. Are you okay with God loving your enemies?

25. An evil and adulterous generation demands a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

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

27. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching; and look—something greater than Jonah is here.

Matthew 12v39-41 (CSB)

28. Is God allowed to be more loving than you want him to be?

Do you only love God when he plays by your rules of justice?

What happens when God blesses those you wouldn't?

29. Are you okay with God loving your enemies?