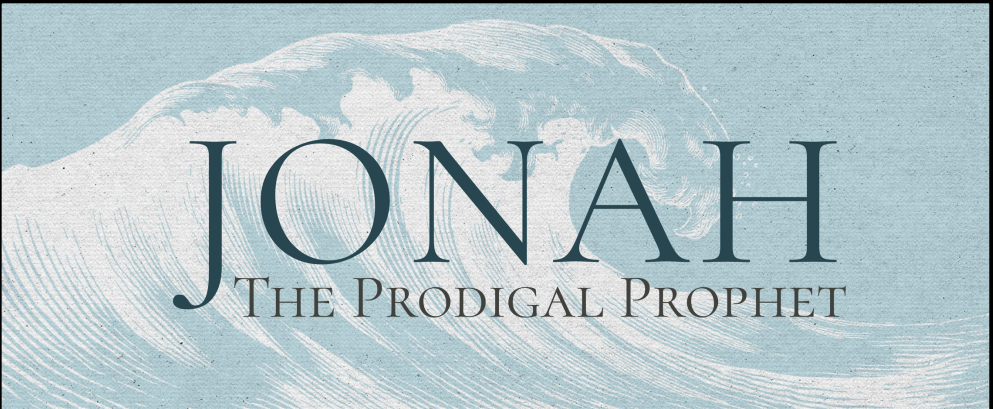




JONAH

THE PRODIGAL PROPHET

JONAH & JESUS

FRAMING THE STORY:

The Bible is one cohesive story centered on Jesus. The Old Testament looks forward to Jesus; the New Testament looks back on Jesus.

QUESTION:

What does this story reveal and expose about God, Jonah, and ourselves?

KEY IDEAS:

- 1. The religious leaders' hearts mirror Jonah's heart:**
Hard-hearted, unrepentant, angry that God is forgiving outsiders. *Don't be like them!*
- 2. Jonah's descent and "resurrection" from the fish points to Jesus' death and resurrection from the tomb.** *Their deliverance from death validates their authority—Listen to Jesus!*
- 3. Jesus fulfills the ministry of Jonah: Extending mercy to outsiders.** *Now it's our job to carry on this ministry.*
- 4. Jonah & Jesus' ministries require the same response:**
Repentance. *Examine your own heart.*

MATTHEW 12:38-42

³⁸ Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."

³⁹ He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a 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 something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

APPLICATION:

What do we learn from both Jonah and Jesus?

- 1. Join God's rescue mission:** *Who is he sending you to?*
- 2. Make repentance a way of life:** *What do you need to turn away from and change your mind about?*
- 3. Pay attention to the state of your heart:** *What is the condition of your heart in this season?*

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