

**The Sign of Jonah**

**Mark 12:38-42**

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In Matthew 12, some of the scribes and Pharisees ask Jesus to show them a sign. How might that demonstrate a lack of faith on their part?

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What might lead us to believe that this request had ulterior motives?

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**There are TWO distinct parallels between Jonah’s story and the crucifixion of Jesus:**

- 1. Just as Jonah spent three days in the belly of the fish, so too was Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth for three days.**

Is it critical that Jesus wasn’t in the tomb for three days and *three nights*?

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Not only did Jonah LIVE when he should have DIED, he also accomplished the gracious task that God had set before him.

Jesus is an even greater expression of this, in that He actually endured death, his physical body was entombed within the earth for parts of three days, and then He rose to physical life once again to accomplish salvation for God’s people.

**QUESTION:** What did this ‘wicked generation’ end up doing when they finally did see this sign of Jonah played out in Jesus’ life?  
(see Matthew 28:11-15)

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**There are TWO distinct parallels between Jonah’s story and the crucifixion of Jesus:**

- 2. Just as Jonah’s mission involved a call to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, so too does the cross call every man to a crisis of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Consider the contrast between Nineveh’s call to repentance and Israel’s call to repentance:**

	Nineveh	Israel
Did they have access to historical prophecy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did they live within the covenant promises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was their prophet sincere; did he love them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did God provide miraculous signs for them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did they sincerely believe and repent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Evidence and pedigree are far less important than simply seeing God and receiving His provision on faith. Will you continually demand more and more proof of Jesus’ redeeming love, or will you trust that He is who He says He is, and receive Him on faith?