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Nineveh Repented

Who has not heard of the story of Jonah and his three days and nights in the belly of the big fish? It is one of the most amazing events in the scriptures and even many non-believers know about it. We sometimes focus on Jonah's preaching as the only reason the men of Nineveh repented in sackcloth and ashes. What else caused this pagan city to repent?

It was more than just the message he delivered. He walked the streets of that massive city giving them the message God had given to him. "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4). The message was from God, but was there any way that any person could know that God was the source of the message?

The answer to this question is found in Luke 11:30). "For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be a sign to this generation." Jesus said that Jonah was more than just a preacher to the Ninevites—he was a sign. We noted in last week's article that a sign is far more than an event which happens. It is a sign from God, and it has no earthly explanation.

How Jonah was a sign is not specified. Those sailors who tossed Jonah overboard and seeing the storm stop immediately saw truth and worshiped God. When that storm first came, they threw their cargo into the sea and reversed their course to return home (Jonah 1:13). There was no need to continue the journey. Is it possible they arrived, and their

words prepared the way for Jonah? Is it possible that Jonah's appearance showed he had been in that fish? Or was it some other way? Jonah was not just a preacher; he was a sign!

The miracles performed by the early Christians were a sign they were more than just "preachers." Jesus said that those who believed and were baptized would perform miracles (Mark 16:16-18). After Jesus ascended, "...they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the words through the accompanying signs" (Mark 16:20).

Why were there miracles in the exodus from Egypt? God was confirming His words with accompanying signs. Why did Jesus perform miracles? God was confirming His words with accompanying signs.

The Bible said that those signs would cease (1 Cor. 13:8-10). While we might think that more would believe today if they saw signs, think of the words spoken to the rich man in Hades. He wanted a miracle to be shown to his brothers. Was he right? "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded though one rise from the dead" (Luke 16:31). A failure to understand how God used signs can lead one to believe "lying wonders" today (2 Thess. 2:9).

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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley,
Clara Williams, Jane Graves
Charles & Ruby Malone

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Wayne Warren
Kenton Lancaster,
Marilyn Ferrell,
Ramona Thurston,
Justin Puckett

Sunday Sermon's

AM - John Sawyer Speaking

PM - Ronnie McAbee Speaking

Pantry Item

Jelly

Happenings

South Jackson

Area Events

August 7-10

Ray will be holding a Gospel Meeting at the Roan's Creek congregation this week. Weeknight services start at 7.

Several are posted on the bulletin Board

Cards to Send

Kim Ross
41 Denim Cove
Jackson, TN 38305

Janet Taylor
219 Parkburg Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Marion Thomas
1020 Denmark Jackson Rd
Denmark, TN 38391

Weekly Record

6 AM	6
Bible Class	45/7
AM Worship	87/10
PM Worship	36/1
Wed Bible Study	40/7
Contribution	4300

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 7 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Carleton Kidder

Sermon: John Sawyer

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Ronald Clouse

Aug 14 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, G. Cooper

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Carleton Kidder

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Ken Ross

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ronnie McAbee

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Ken Ross

Aug 10 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devotional: Marion Thomas

Aug 17 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devotional: Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM