

Nineveh Repented

By Dan Jenkins

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).

Things you should know about!

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lisa Miller 8/9 Jason Bang 8/19
Shandar Thompson 8/13 Jason Hughes 8/23

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Happy Anniversary

Chris & Lisa Miller 8/10

George & Rhonda Gaynor 8/27

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The Great Darke County Fair

Evening services on August 21st will be held at the fairgrounds, so plan to join us in the Spiritual Life Building. We will be there at 2:00 and will spend the afternoon reaching out to people as they stop in and give out bottles of water.

We are asking for donations of bottled water and to borrow coolers.

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Next month's potluck will be next Sunday, August 14th.

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Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	August 7, 2022	August 14, 2022
Announcements	Duane Kemp	Jerry Thompson
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Greeter/Usher	Jerry Thompson (L)	Jason Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Jason Bang	Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Tom Muter	Owen Whittington
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher	Tim Bang (R)	Chris McGiffin

Bible Verse of the Week

"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans 13:10

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Lord's Supper Reflection

Only Jesus could take away my sins.
 "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46

Offering Meditation

Give Liberally, if that is your Gift
 "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* ... he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." Romans 12:6-8

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - asked for prayers for his Parkinson's
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - having heart issues
- *Orvelle & Sharon Thompson - both having knee/hip joint aches/pains
- *Linda Lumbard (friend of the Seiber's) - is recovering from eye surgery
- *Friend of Jerry Thompson's that has fallen away

- *Jeanetta Rachaels (Rosalee Yoder's niece) - is recovering from a C-section, prayers for her and the baby who is in ICU and her 1 yr old recovering from surgery
- *Family and friends of Mary Jane (friend of Carrie Thompson) grieving her passing
- *Bob Peters (friend of Tim Bang) recovering from a heart attack and surgery to put in a pace maker

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, July 31

Bible Classes 38
 AM Attendance 42
 PM Attendance 39

Wednesday, August 3

Bible Classes 24
 Contribution \$1525.00

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



August 7, 2022

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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 Greenville, OH 45331

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
 If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.