

The Gospel According to Jonah

Jonah 1:1 Now the **word of the LORD** came to **Jonah** the son of Amittai, saying,

Jonah 1:2 “**Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.**”

Jonah 1:3 **But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.** He went **down** to **Joppa** and found a ship going to **Tarshish**. So he paid the fare and **went down** into it, to go with them to Tarshish, **away from the presence of the LORD.**

Jonah 1:4 **But the LORD hurled a great wind** upon the sea, and there was a **mighty tempest on the sea**, so that the **ship threatened to break up.**

Jonah 1:5 Then the **mariners were afraid**, and **each cried out to his god**. And **they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea** to lighten it for them. **But Jonah had gone down** into the inner part of the ship and had **lain down and was fast asleep.**

Jonah 1:6 So the **captain** came and said to him, “**What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.**”

Jonah 1:7 And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” **So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.**

Jonah 1:8 Then they said to him, “Tell us on **whose account this evil** has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”

Jonah 1:9 And he said to them, “**I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.**”

Jonah 1:10 Then the **men were exceedingly afraid** and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” **For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.**

Jonah 1:11 Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” **For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.**

Jonah 1:12 He said to them, “**Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.**”

Jonah 1:13 Nevertheless, **the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.**

Jonah 1:14 Therefore **they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.”**

Jonah 1:15 So they **picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.**

Jonah 1:16 Then the **men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD** and made vows.

Jonah 1:17 And the **LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.**

Jonah 2:1 **Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God** from the belly of the fish,

Jonah 2:2 saying, “**I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.**

Jonah 2:3 For **you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.**

Jonah 2:4 Then I said, ‘**I am driven away from your sight**; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’

Jonah 2:5 The **waters closed in over me to take my life**; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head

Jonah 2:6 at **the roots of the mountains**. I went down to the land whose bars **closed upon me forever**; yet you brought up my life from the pit, **O LORD my God**.

Jonah 2:7 When my life was fainting away, **I remembered the LORD**, and my **prayer came to you**, into your holy temple.

Jonah 2:8 Those who pay regard to vain idols **forsake their hope of steadfast love**.

Jonah 2:9 But **I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you**; what I have vowed I will pay. **Salvation belongs to the LORD!**”

Jonah 2:10 And the **LORD spoke to the fish**, and it vomited **Jonah out upon the dry land**.

Jonah 3:1 Then **the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time**, saying,

Jonah 3:2 “**Arise, go to Nineveh**, that great city, and **call out against it the message that I tell you**.”

Jonah 3:3 So **Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD**. Now Nineveh was an **exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth**.

Jonah 3:4 **Jonah began to go into the city**, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “**Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!**”

Jonah 3:5 And the **people of Nineveh believed God**. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the **greatest of them to the least of them**.

Jonah 3:6 The word reached the **king of Nineveh**, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

Jonah 3:7 And **he issued a proclamation** and published through Nineveh, **“By the decree of the king** and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water,

Jonah 3:8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and **let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.**

Jonah 3:9 **Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”**

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they did, how they **turned from** their evil way, **God relented** of the disaster **that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.**

Jonah 4:1 But it **displeased Jonah exceedingly**, and **he was angry.**

Jonah 4:2 And **he prayed to the LORD** and said, **“O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.**

Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, **“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...**

Jonah 4:3 **Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”**

Jonah 4:4 And the **LORD** said, **“Do you do well to be angry?”**

Jonah 4:5 **Jonah went out of the city** and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, **till he should see what would become of the city.**

Jonah 4:6 Now the **LORD God appointed a plant** and **made it** come up over Jonah, **that it might be a shade over his head**, to save him from his discomfort. So **Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.**

Jonah 4:7 But when dawn came up the next day, **God appointed a worm** that **attacked the plant, so that it withered.**

Jonah 4:8 When the sun rose, **God appointed a scorching east wind**, and **the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint.** And he asked that he **might die** and said, **“It is better for me to die than to live.”**

Jonah 4:9 But **God said to Jonah**, **“Do you do well to be angry** for the plant?” And he said, **“Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.”**

Jonah 4:10 And the **LORD** said, **“You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow**, which came into being in a night and **perished in a night.**

Jonah 4:11 And **should not I pity Nineveh**, that great city, in which there are more than **120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left**, and **also much cattle?”**

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John 3:16 **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son**, that whoever believes in him **should not perish but have eternal life.**

Matthew 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”

Matthew 12:39 But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it **except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**

Matthew 12:40 For **just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish,** so will the **Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

Matthew 12:41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, **something greater than Jonah is here.**

Jonah 3:9 Who knows? God may turn and **relent** and **turn from his fierce anger,** so that **we may not perish.”**

2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

John 12:27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have **gone astray;** we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the **LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Luke 1:46 And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,

Luke 1:47 and my spirit rejoices in **God my Savior,**