

THE TRUE MIRACLE OF JONAH

Jonah 3:1-10

- The real miracle of Jonah is that God mercifully gives us SECOND CHANCES. 3:1-3
- The real, true miracle of Jonah is that God mercifully WARNS sinners of coming JUDGMENT. 3:4
- The real, true, actual miracle of Jonah is that God mercifully HUMBLES sinners towards REPENTANCE and faith. 3:5-9
- The real, true, actual, ultimate miracle of Jonah is that God shows MERCY and COMPASSION to repentant sinners. 3:10

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1. If someone asked you, “What is the miracle of the book of Jonah?” how would you respond with one sentence?
2. Read Jonah 3:1-3 and Jonah 1:1-3. What is the author conveying by this parallel? How does the constancy of God’s Word contrast to Jonah’s reaction? What does this tell us about God and humans?
3. In your life, how have you seen God give you 2nd chances?
4. Read Jonah 3:4. Why do you think this message of judgment is so powerful? See Romans 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18, 1 Cor 1:23-24
5. In our culture, what does it look like to preach a message of judgment? Is this important? Is this something we should do? What are some ways we are tempted to avoid doing this? See Acts 10:34-43, Mark 8:38
6. Read Jonah 3:5-9. How is the repentance of Nineveh instructive to us? How do we know if repentance is genuine? How ought we to engage in corporate repentance? See Matthew 12:39-41, Mat 3:8, Acts 26:20, Eph 4:28
7. Read Jonah 3:10. Is God changing his mind here? Why or why not? How do we see the miracle of God’s mercy in this verse?