

## **The Important Book Of Jonah**

**Matthew 12:38–41 (NIV) — (38)** Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you.” **(39)** He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. **(40)** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **(41)** The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

**2 Kings 14:25 (NIV) — (25)** He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher.

**Jonah 3:2 (NIV) — (2)** “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

**Matthew 28:16–20 (NIV) — (16)** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **(17)** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **(18)** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **(19)** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **(20)** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### **I) Six Significant Topics In The Book Of Jonah.**

#### **1) Jonah Proclaims The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ.**

#### **2) Jonah Teaches That Salvation Is Not By Our Works.**

**Jonah 2:9 (NIV) — (9)** But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

**Matthew 26:39 (NIV) — (39)** Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

#### **3) God Will Not Cast Us Aside For Faithlessness.**

**James 1:13–14 (NIV) — (13)** When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **(14)** but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

#### **4) God Is Good And Gracious.**

**Jonah 4:2 (NIV) — (2)** He prayed to the LORD, “O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

#### **5) God Is Also The God Of The Gentiles.**