

# The Education of Jonah – A Little Jonah in Us All – Jonah 1

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### Series Description

— Perhaps no one has been as hardheaded as Jonah. He learned everything the hard way. But, he learned! In this series we will follow Jonah's education and see if we can learn Jonah's lessons without making Jonah's mistakes. We will learn how our spiritual growth and maturity often mirror that of Jonah's. And we will learn how our dumbest decisions, unfortunately, also mirror Jonah's.

### Message Description

— Jonah reads like an odd character a long-ago time. However, after a close look, resemblances appear. As it turns out, we are way more like Jonah than should make us comfortable. In this message we will see the similarities, and we will seek to learn the lessons Jonah learned from the historical account rather than from Jonah's school of hard knocks.

### The Question

#### I. I am Jonah.

- A. Rebellion is not relative.
- B. Convenience is not permission.
- C. Honesty is not repentance.

#### II. Jesus is Jonah.

**Matthew 12:39b-40** | ... No sign will be given ... except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. (CSB)

In what ways is Jesus like Jonah?

- A. Jonah was sent to confront the sin of Nineveh. Jesus...
- B. Jonah was the bearer of sin. Jesus...
- C. The judgment of Jonah was the only hope of survival. The judgment of Jesus...
- D. The judgment of Jonah was by the hands of others. The judgment of Jesus...
- E. Jonah seemed lost in the belly of the fish for three days. Jesus seemed...

**Matthew 12:41** | *The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching; and look—something greater than Jonah is here.* (CSB)

The Ninevites will either...

- Stand against you at the judgment.
- Stand to embrace you at the judgment.