

# THE MISSIONARY'S SIGN OF THE RESURRECTION

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.

## INTRODUCTION:

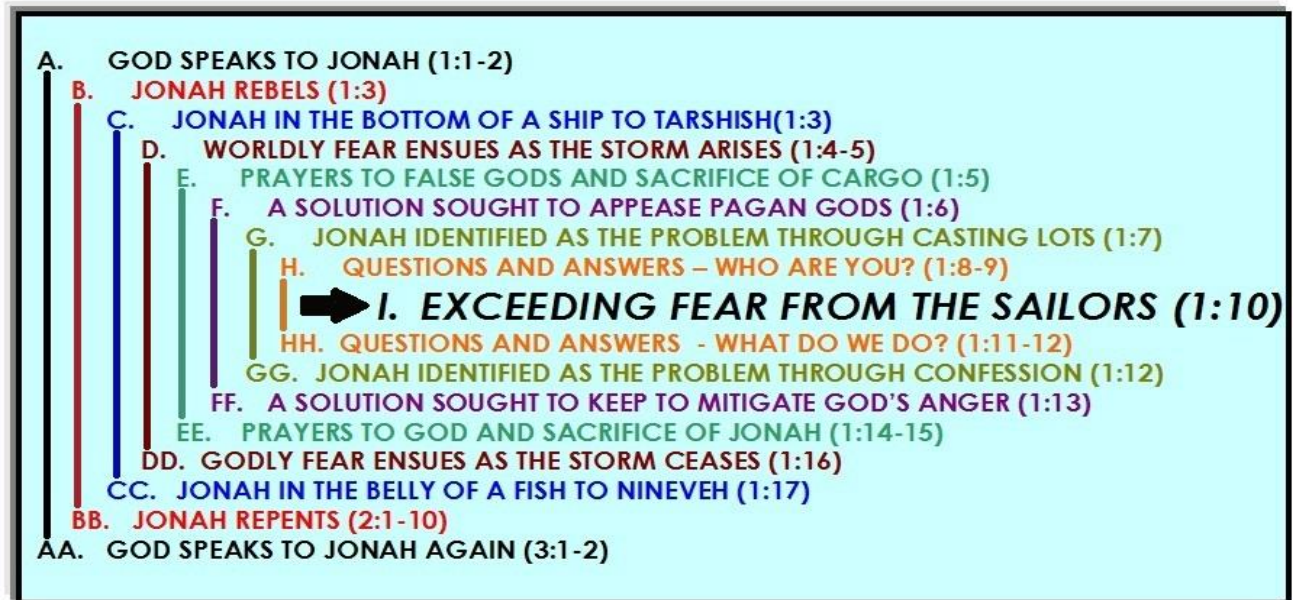
When Spurgeon preached his first sermon at the age of sixteen he was asked, "How old are you?" He replied, "Never mind my age, think of the Lord Jesus and His preciousness." He also said, "I take my text and I make a beeline to Christ."

Jonah 1:17 shows us God's dealing with Jonah as it relates to Nineveh. This then takes us to the preciousness of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.



## I. THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS NECESSARY FOR REPENTANCE

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**KEY POINT:** If people are to turn towards God, they must know of His terrible wrath. If people are going to come to God for salvation, they must fear His damnation. If people are going to come to God for justification, they must fear His condemnation. If people are going to believe in Christ's death, burial and resurrection unto eternal life, they need to see their own death, burial and resurrection unto eternal death.

**APPLICATION:** Before preaching the gospel to someone help them to see their sin in light of God's wrath.

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## II. THE POWER OF THE LORD EXTENDS TO ALL OF CREATION



**KEY POINT:** The Lord appointed this fish for the purpose of swallowing Jonah for an eternal purpose of giving us a gospel truth in regards to the resurrection.

**APPLICATION:** Take comfort and delight in the truth that God is in control of all of nature for our good, for our salvation and for His glory.

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## III. THE MISSION OF THE LORD IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH HIS REPENTANT PEOPLE



**KEY POINT:** The Lord used Jonah's near death experience and being swallowed alive to bring Him to repentance.

**APPLICATION:** Let the magnitude of your sin and the greater magnitude of God's grace stir your affections for God so that you can't but help tell others about Jesus' salvation.

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## IV. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD IS FORESHADOWED

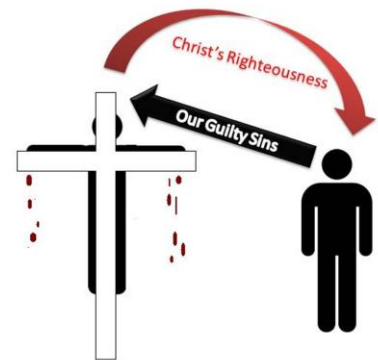


**KEY POINT:** Jonah was preserved alive in what should have been His death.

**APPLICATION:** Repentance towards Christ and belief in Him guarantees that death will not hold us in the grave because our Savior rose victorious from the heart of the earth.

Matthew 12:38-42  
1 Corinthians 15:14

- A. **He was raised for our justification**  
Romans 4:22-25, 1 Corinthians 15:17
- B. **He was raised that we might walk in newness of life**  
Romans 6:4-5
- C. **He was raised so that we could be with God**  
2 Corinthians 4:14



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### CALL TO ACTION FOR THE UNBELIEVER

Believe in the sign of Jonah. Repent of your sin and believe that Christ was crucified, buried and risen again to bring sinners to God.

### CALL TO ACTION FOR THE BELIEVER

In light of your own rebellion, think on the preciousness of Christ and then in an act of worship, go tell others that He was crucified, buried and risen again to bring sinners to God. Preach the sign of Jonah