

Jonah – Something Greater Than Jonah Is Here
Sunday Evening – 2 December 2018
Sermon Outline

Introduction

Jonah

- Date of events is in the _____ century BC
- Contemporary of _____ and Hosea
- Jonah is the only _____ character identified in the book

Nineveh

- Capital city in the _____ Empire – responsible for the destruction of the northern kingdoms (2 Kings 17)
- 600 miles northeast of Israel
- Modern Day _____

The theme of the book (Bible): Salvation belongs to the _____! (2:9c) (Sovereignty)

The LORD Reigns: Jonah's Story

Jonah went the exact opposite direction from where the LORD had called him

- Jonah turned from God's _____
- Jonah turned away from God's _____

Let's note the LORD's sovereignty / involvement

- The LORD hurled a great _____ upon the sea . . . (1:4)
- The LORD appointed a great _____ to swallow up Jonah (1:17)
- The LORD _____ to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land (2:10)

In other words: the LORD is _____

- God ordains both the means and the _____ of our salvation

The LORD Reigns: Nineveh's Story

The _____ of the LORD came to Jonah a second time (3:1)

Jonah went, according to the _____ of the LORD (3:3)

And the people of Nineveh _____ God . . . from the greatest of them to the least (3:5)

God ordained the means of their salvation – the prophet Jonah / His Word

God ordained the ends of their salvation – they _____ and were rescued

The LORD Reigns: Our Story

All's well that ends well, right? Is this a happy ending? (Read chapter 4)

- Invites us into the story – think – engage – act – react

God asks several questions of Jonah (and us)

- Do you do well to be angry? (4:4)
 - o Note the LORD's sovereign actions again
 - The LORD _____ a plant and made it come up over Jonah (4:6)
 - The next day God _____ a worm that attacked the plant – so that it withered (4:7)
 - God _____ a scorching east wind . . . (4:8)
- Do you do well to be angry for the plant? (4:9)
- Should I not 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 so much cattle? (4:11)

Jesus unequivocally draws an analogy between Jonah and himself (Matt 12:38-42)

Jonah IS the _____

- _____ Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days, so Jesus was three days in the grave
- _____ Jonah – Jesus was a prophet – speaking words of judgment and salvation
- _____ Jonah – Jesus was sent
- _____ Jonah – Jesus always obeyed / never complained / and rejoiced at the salvation of Jews and Gentiles

Something greater than Jonah is here!!!! How shall we respond?

Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~

What are some of the main themes of the book of Jonah?

Why do we sometimes resent God's goodness and gifts to others?

What comfort is it to know that *Salvation belongs to the LORD*?

How can we show ourselves thankful to the LORD?