

# "The Final Warning to the Nation"

## Matthew 12:38-45

### I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

- A. The Commission from Jesus to Israel
- B. The Challenge of Jesus to the Nation
- C. The Rebuke to the Cities of Galilee
- D. The Love of Forgiveness
- E. The Rejection by the Nation

#### 1. In Response to the Warning given by Jesus... (38-41)

- a. The Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus perform a \_\_\_\_\_ (v 38)

\* sign

\* Why did they demand a sign?

- b. Jesus forcefully responds by calling them an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ generation for \_\_\_\_\_ a sign (v 39)

\* "Seeks after" is better translated "\_\_\_\_\_"

\* evil

\* adulterous

- c. Jesus states that the one sign the Pharisees will receive is the one sign the whole world will receive: the sign of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (v 40)

\* What is the sign of Jonah the prophet?

\* What does the resurrection tell us?

## 2. The Final Pronouncement of Judgment to the Nation (41-45)

- a. The Jesus declares the “wicked” \_\_\_\_\_ will stand in \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ for their rejection of Christ
  
- b. The Queen of Sheba came from \_\_\_\_\_ to hear \_\_\_\_\_, while the nation had the Savior in their \_\_\_\_\_ and would not \_\_\_\_\_
  
- c. Jesus then \_\_\_\_\_ the Pharisees with an \_\_\_\_\_ about evil spirits which communicates that hard-heartedness \_\_\_\_\_ through rejection

\* What does this mean to you?