

Greater than Jonah (Luke 11:29-32)

I. Introduction

- A. Preface: A review of the book of Jonah
to set Jesus' words from Luke in context
- B. Reading the text and setting the course for the message

II. Jonah was a sign (Luke 11:29-30)

- A. Jonah is a sign of the death burial and resurrection of Christ
(Matt 12:39-40)
 - 1. Verbal Messianic Prophecies
 - 2. Typical Messianic Prophecies ("types of Christ")
- B. Jesus' resurrection is a sign
 - 1. Which we are called up to believe
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:1-19
 - b. do you believe in the resurrection of Christ?
 - c. if not, what's your thoughts on the empty tomb?
 - d. do you believe in His resurrection,
yet still refuse to follow Him?
- C. Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites (Luke 11:30)
 - 1. of God's justice and His mercy

III. Nineveh was a sign (Luke 11:32)

- A. To Israel (as their repentance shamed Israel)
 - 1. the prodigal repentance of the Gentiles (Jonah 3:5-9)
 - a. faith (vs. 5)
 - b. mourning over sin (v. 6)
 - c. conviction (v. 7-8)
 - d. repentance (v. 7-8)
 - e. humility (v. 9)
- B. To the world
 - 1. They repented with such little light
 - 2. They demonstrate God's love for the world
- C. To the church
 - 1. You who *say* you believe, do you ... ?
 - a. Jn 14:15, 14:24, Matt 7:21
 - 2. As a witness to God resurrection power to save in the Gospel