

The Sign of Jonah

The crowds who followed Jesus clamored for a sign. Although they had both heard about and seen many things already, they wanted more. Their skepticism was not satisfied by either the healings of Jesus or the demons cast out in his name (Luke 9-11). Jesus condemns their unbelief by telling them that the only sign they will be given is the sign of Jonah.

1. The Faith of the Ninevites: they did more with less *Jonah 3:1-10*
 - a. Jesus and his works were greater than Jonah and Jonah's works
 - b. Yet the Ninevites repented and lived

2. The Queen of Sheba's Faith: she did more with less *1 Kings 10:1-10*
 - a. Jesus and his wisdom were greater than Solomon and his wisdom
 - b. Yet the Queen of Sheba came from the ends of the earth

3. The Unbelief of the Crowd
 - a. Resists what Jesus has already done *Luke 11:16; John 12:29*
 - b. Denies what Jesus says *Luke 11:15,19-20*
 - c. Rejects what Jesus offers *Luke 11:23*

4. The sign of Jonah
 - a. A definitive vindication of the divine mission and authority of Jesus
Matthew 12:39-40; Matthew 16:4
 - b. The resurrection of Jesus and his final return

Application:

1. What have you done with what you have seen and know about Jesus?
2. Are you "suppressing truth in unrighteousness?" Romans 1:18
3. Will you repent and believe in Jesus the Son of God who offers forgiveness of sins?