

Of the twelve “minor prophets” in our Old Testament, we have record of Jesus only ever referencing one of them— _____—in **Matthew 12:38-42** (and **Luke 11:29-32**). Of all of them, why Jonah?



“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai...” (**Jonah 1:1**)

- ❖ **Jonah 1:** Jonah _____ to Tarshish, is caught in a mighty tempest, and swallowed by a great fish
- ❖ **Jonah 2:** After ___ days and ___ nights, Jonah prays to the LORD and is vomited onto dry land
- ❖ **Jonah 3:** Jonah proclaims the word of the LORD to _____ and the people repent

So why Jonah? “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees _____ him...” (**Matt 12:38**) ... in response to what?

- ❖ In the _____ on the Sabbath (**12:1-2, 6-8**)
- ❖ The man with the _____ hand (**12:9-14**)
- ❖ The _____-oppressed man (**12:22-28, 33-37**)

“...Teacher, we wish to see a _____ from you.”

“An _____ and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For...” (**Matt 12:39-41**)

- ❖ Just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the _____ of the great fish...
 - ...so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the _____ of the earth.
- ❖ The men of Nineveh will rise up at the _____ with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah...

...and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”

- ❖ The word of the LORD came to Jonah; Jesus *is* the Word of God who became _____ (**John 1:1, 14**)
- ❖ Jonah heard the word of the LORD and ran; Jesus had already _____ his face to go to Jerusalem (**Luke 9:51**)
- ❖ Jonah was picked up and hurled away; Jesus would be lifted up to _____ all people to himself (**John 12:32-33**)
- ❖ Jonah’s “entombment” was because of his own rebellion; Jesus’ entombment would be for the rebellion of _____ (**Luke 24:46-47**)
- ❖ Jonah’s “resurrection” came after his repentance; Jesus’ resurrection gave mankind the _____ to repent—even his own “evil and adulterous generation.”

“You know how to interpret...” (**Matt 16:1-4**)

