

WHAT JONAH FOUND IN THE BELLY OF THE FISH MATTHEW 12

Text: Matthew 12:40-41

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⁴⁰For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.

Introduction:

1. HE FOUND HIMSELF

(Jonah 2:4) Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

(Jonah 2:7) When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

2. HE FOUND OUT SALVATION IS OF THE LORD

(Jonah 2:9) But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

3. HE FOUND OUT HOW TO REALLY PRAY

(Jonah 2:2) And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

(Jonah 2:7) When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

4. HE FOUND OUT THE COST OF RUNNING FROM GOD IS VERY HIGH

(John 2:2) And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

5. HE FOUND OUT YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM GOD

(Psalms 139:7-10) Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? {8} If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. {9} If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

{10} Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

6. HE FOUND FORGIVENESS

(Jonah 2:10) And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.