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THE THREAD

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

"THE SIGN OF JONAH"

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TEXT: Matthew 12:38-42

PURPOSE OF THE SERIES: Understanding the OT gives us a more robust understanding of Jesus and understanding Jesus gives us a more robust understanding of the OT.

Understanding Jonah's Story:

- 1) Rising to run from God (Jonah ch. 1)
- 2) Sinking but finding appointed grace in the belly of the fish for three days (Jonah ch. 2)

QUOTE: "The belly of the fish is not a happy place to live but it is a good place to learn." – R.T. Kendall

- 3) Rising to proclaim judgment (Jonah ch. 3)
- 4) A pagan people sink to their knees in repentance (Jonah ch. 3).
- 5) God teaches Jonah a valuable lesson about grace (Jonah ch. 4).

Understanding the Threads to the NT:

- 1) The Sign of Jonah - The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus in three days (Matt 12:39-40)
- 2) Jesus > Jonah (Matt. 12:41)
 - a) Willing Savior > Reluctant prophet
 - b) Message of hope > Message of doom
 - c) Son of God > prophet

TRUTH: The Lord offers undeserved grace to both audiences when they repent and believe.

INVITATION: Have you repented and received God's undeserved grace through Jesus Christ or will Nineveh stand to condemn you on the last day?

Passage for next week: Acts 7

