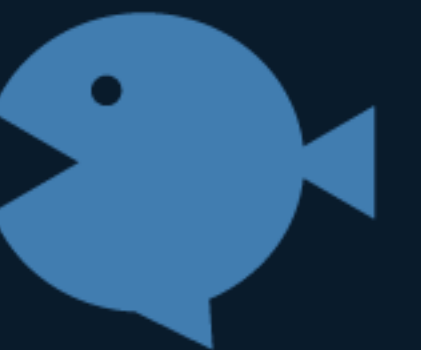




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[10] When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**Jonah 3:10**



[1] But it displeased Jonah exceedingly,  
and he was angry.

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[2] And he prayed to the Lord and said,  
“O Lord, is not this what I said when I  
was yet in my country? That is why I  
made haste to flee to Tarshish;

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for I knew that you are a gracious God  
and merciful, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love, and  
relenting from disaster.”

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[6] “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

**Exodus 34:6**



[3] “Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

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[4] And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?”

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[5] Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city.

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[6] Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.

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[7] But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.

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[8] When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

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[9] But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.”

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[10] And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night.

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[11] And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

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“Jonah is a true story, but it is also a parable. It is shaped in the same way that our Lord's parables are, not only as a fascinating piece of history, but to force us to contemplate our personal destiny.



It carries no conclusion because it summons us to write the final paragraph. It remains unfinished, in order that we may provide our own conclusion to its message. You are Jonah; I am Jonah.



We recognize ourselves in the story of this man's life. We stand together in need of the mercy of God to enable us, from this day on, to be obedient to his commands, and to live to the praise of his glorious Grace.”

- Sinclair Ferguson



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great enough to save sinners?



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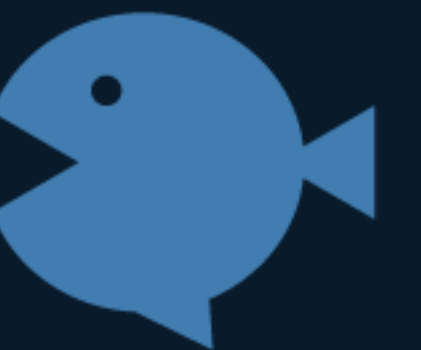
[35] But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. [36] Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

**Luke 6:35-36**





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[38] Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”

**Matthew 12:38-41**



[39] But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

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[40] For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Matthew 12:38-41**



[41] The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”

**Matthew 12:38-41**



Jesus is the true and greater Jonah.



“Only when we read the rest of the story in the New Testament do we see what Jonah was pointing us to all along—a greater Prophet, a greater Preacher, a greater Savior.



One who not only had the power to forgive sins but the desire to save any who would come to him in belief and repentance. The heart of God seen in the story of Jonah is the heart of Jesus.”

- Adam Carrigan





