



“Special Delivery”

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Jonah 1:17-2:10

¹⁷ But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights. ¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ² He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. ³ You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. ⁴ I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again towards your holy temple.' ⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in for ever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. ⁷ "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸ "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. ⁹ But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD." ¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Common Questions about the Book of Jonah

“Is the story of Jonah an allegory or historical fact?”

1. Jesus spoke of it as a historical fact, using it as a _____ of His resurrection.

Matthew 12:39-41

³⁹ He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

2. Jesus also referenced the historical revival of Nineveh as a _____ which will be underscored at the final judgment.

“How could Jonah have survived?”

1. He could have survived through _____ means.

2. He could have survived through a _____.

3. He could have survived through being resurrected _____.

“Where did the fish bring Jonah?”

1. It brought him to the place of centering his thoughts upon _____.

2. It brought him to the place of realizing the futility of _____ gods.