

The Sign of Jonah

Intro:

- A. Text: Matthew 12:38-42
- B. Our text deals with yet another occasion where Jesus is confronted by the scribes and the Pharisees. These experts of the law have a request for the "Teacher."
- C. "We wish _____."
- D. Jesus response to them is neither _____ nor _____. "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given except the _____."
- E. There are three great lessons that we can learn from Jesus statement.

I. The Bible is not a book of _____.

- A. Jesus verified that Jonah was a _____. That his preaching to Nineveh _____.
- B. The amazing fish story _____.
- C. So many people want to mythologize the Bible. Peter addressed this in II Peter 1:16

II. The word of God should be _____.

- A. Why was Jesus's verbal chastisement of these men so strong?
- B. Because _____.
- C. If the people of _____ repented at the preaching of _____ and the Queen of the _____ listened fervently to the wisdom of _____, why in the world would they not listen to a _____ teacher.
- D. Jesus was teaching truth that they _____.
- E. John 6:63, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and _____."
- F. If they were truly the _____ of the Old Testament that they claimed to be then they should have recognized who he was without his having to offer _____. They should have done what Peter says in his second epistle 1:19 concerning the prophetic word. _____!!
- G. Romans 10:17

III. The sign of Jonah represents _____.

- A. Jesus was only going to stay in the _____ and then he was going to _____.
- B. David testifies about the future _____ of the holy one.- Psalm 16:10
- C. Consider Jesus words and the apostles' recollections in John 2:19-22.
- D. Praise God for this event.
- E. Paul discusses the significance of this event in I Cor. 15:17 and 57.
- F. It is a demonstration of the _____ - Colossians 2:12

Conclusion: