

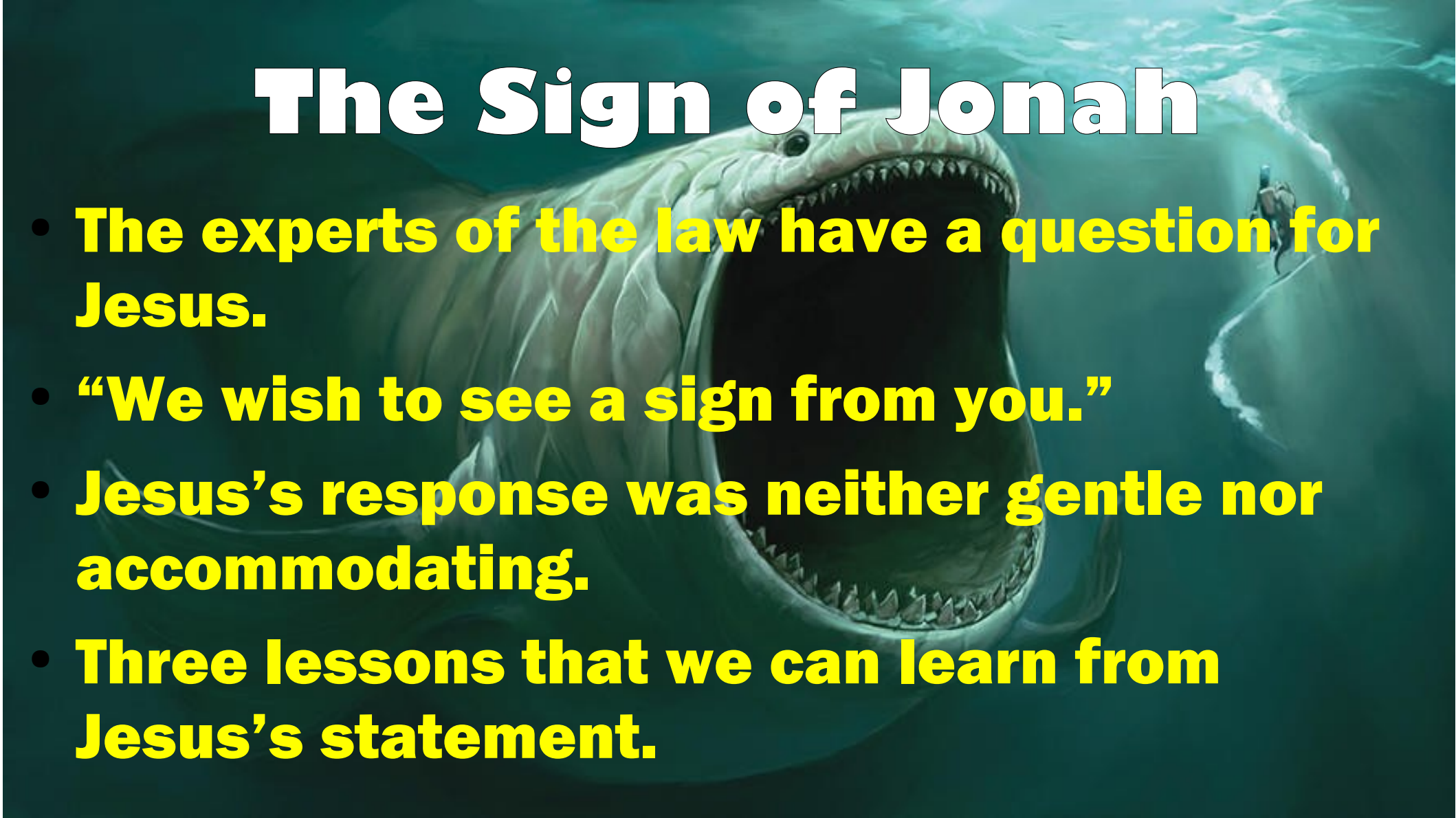
# **The Sign of Jonah**

**Matthew 12:38-42**



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- **The experts of the law have a question for Jesus.**
- **“We wish to see a sign from you.”**
- **Jesus’s response was neither gentle nor accommodating.**
- **Three lessons that we can learn from Jesus’s statement.**



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**THE BIBLE IS NOT A BOOK OF MYTHS**

- **Jesus verified that Jonah was a historical character. The preaching to Nineveh actually happened. The amazing fish story was real.**
- **Many people attempt to mythologize the Bible. Peter addressed this in II Peter 1:16**

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- **Why was Jesus's chastisement so strong?**
- **Because they shouldn't have needed a sign.**
- **If the people of Nineveh repented at Jonah's preaching and the Queen of the South marveled at Solomon's wisdom, why would they not listen to a greater teacher.**



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- **They should have recognized Jesus's teachings were God approved.**
- **John 6:63, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."**
- **If they had been real scholars then they would not have needed additional proof. PAY ATTENTION!!!!**

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## **THE SIGN OF JONAH REPRESENTS THE COMING RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH**

- **Jesus was only going to be in the earth three days and three nights and then he would rise again.**
- **David testifies to the resurrection of God's holy one.**
- **Consider John 2:19-21 and I Cor. 15:17 and 57.**
- **It is a demonstration of the power of God.- Col. 2:12**