

# JONAH

2, man overboard, Jonah 1:10-17

The day started not half bad! No one had seen as Jonah had booked passage on a ship to the West. No way was Nineveh for him! He had found a comfy spot in the hold and soon was fast asleep. The next thing he remembered was the captain shaking him awake and everything went down hill from there.

10 Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "How could you do this?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

11 So they said to him, "What should we do to you that the sea may become calm for us?" – for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy. 12 He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you."

13 However, the men rowed desperately to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming even stormier against them.

14 Then they called on the Lord and said, "We earnestly pray, O Lord, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us; for You, O Lord, have done as You have pleased."

[1.] v:10, How could you do this? What do the mariners' emotions reveal about their ideas toward what Jonah had done?

[2.] Why or why don't you think unsaved people actually notice what believers do and say?

[3.] v:11, they said to him, They tried all the "emergency procedures" so now what's left?

[4.] v:12, Pick me up and, If this wasn't a death wish, what was it?

[5.] v:13, However, the men rowed, What is your impression of what these men did?

[6.] v:14, they called on the Lord, Jot down, what you think was, the substance of the prayers.

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15 So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging.

16 Then the men feared the Lord greatly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

17 And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

[7.] v:14 again, they called on the Lord, What did they assume/expect would happen to Jonah?

[8.] v:12 & v:15, Was Jonah right?

[9.] v:15, the sea stopped its raging, How does this miracle compare with Luke 8:24-25?

[10.] v:16, How does this verse describe the sailors worship ?

[11.] v:17, appointed a great fish, What do you feel it means when the Bible said, “appointed”?

[12.] question [11.], Think of the people or nations that are causing you great difficulty in life. If the Lord is capable of appointing a fish to do a job for Him, Why or why wouldn't He be capable appointing those individuals to perform a plan for Him?

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Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

OK, you are to bring a devotion to a group of folks. You decided to do a comparison of the sacrifice of Jonah and Christ. I'll give you some cross references: Matt 12:39-41; 16:4; Lk 11:29-32.

Ideas you can consider.

The storm was a life or death situation.

Jonah volunteered himself.

Jonah was sacrificed.

The sea was calmed.

Jonah was in the fish 3 days & 3 nights.

The fish hurled Jonah on dry land.

The sin of the world was an eternal life situation.

Christ volunteered Himself.

Christ was sacrificed.

The sin of the world was fixed.

Christ was in the tomb 3 days & 3 nights.

Christ rose from the dead.

[13.], v:17 again, Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights. OK, go ahead and write your devotion here.