



CHAPTER 4:1-11

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To Be Or Not To Be: Nineveh, Jonah, or Jesus

Jonah 4

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 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; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4 And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?” 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. 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. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 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.” 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.” 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. 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?”

1. What stands out as I hear the whole story?

2. What does Jesus mean when He refers to the “sign of Jonah”?

3. Because of what I’ve heard today, I would like to...(write down what you sense God inviting you to do):

Digging Deeper into Jonah

This week’s passages will help you immerse yourself in the “sign of Jonah”:

Monday – Jesus’ teaching: Matthew 5, 6, or 7

Tuesday – Jesus’ lifestyle: Matthew 4 or 8

Wednesday – Jesus’ death: Matthew 27

Thursday – Jesus’ resurrection: Matthew 28

Friday – Jesus’ Instruction: Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:20-21; Luke 24:45-49

Weekend – Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day’s passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God’s word says about God, his message, and his messengers. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).