



**SERMON SERIES: Jonah-Running from
the Will of God**

**MESSAGE: God's Lifeboat for a
Backslidden Preacher**

TEXT: Jonah 1:17-2:10)

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Jonah's (*Yo-NAH*) 'DOVE'

Jonah was from the little village of Gath Hopher (2 Kings 14:25) located about 5 miles from Nazareth and near the base of Mt. Tabor in northern Israel.

God had given Israel instruction to be a light to the Gentiles.

(Isaiah 49:6) - Indeed God says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

But Jonah, just like Israel, rejected that call.

The message of Jonah can be divided into two parts:

I. Chapters 1-2 Jonah FLEES His Mission

II. Chapters 3-4 Jonah FULFILLS His Mission

Tonight we pick up with chapter 1, verse 17...

(1:17) - Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

(2:1-2) - Then Jonah prayed to the LORD HIS GOD from the fish's belly.

And he said:

“I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, and He answered me.

(Psalm 18:6; Psalm 42:7; Psalm 31:22)

(2b) - Out of the belly of Sheol (the realm of the dead) I cried, and You heard my voice.”

(3a) - “For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,

(3b) - And the floods surrounded me; all Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

(4a) - Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight;

(4b) - Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’

(5-6a) - The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; the deep closed around me; weeds were wrapped around my head. I went down to the moorings (base) of the mountains; the earth with its bars (the gates of Sheol) closed behind me forever;

(6b) - Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.

(Psalm 40:1-3)

(7) - When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer went up to You, into Your holy temple.”

(8-9) - “Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy.

But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.”

(10a) - So the LORD spoke to the fish...

(10) - So the LORD spoke to the fish...and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

This is the story Jesus would use to foreshadow His death and resurrection.

(Matthew 12:40) - For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

What day was Jesus crucified?

3 views:

(1) FRIDAY Crucifixion (Traditional)

(2) THURSDAY Crucifixion

(3) WEDNESDAY Crucifixion

HERE IS THE MESSAGE: Jonah’s deliverance came after three days and nights of imprisonment.

He was alive and free and so it was for Jesus !

You too will be FREE if you will trust in Jesus!