經歷約拿的「雙重神蹟」

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參考經文: 約拿書

背誦經文: 30 耶穌在門徒面前另外行了許多神蹟,沒有記在這書上。 31 但記這些事要叫你們信耶穌是基督,是 神的兒子,並且叫你們信了他,就可以因他的名得生命。(約 20:30-31)

一.「約拿的神蹟」預表基督復活的神蹟,是最大且最獨特的神蹟

- 39 耶穌回答說:「一個邪惡淫亂的世代求看神蹟,除了先知<u>約拿</u>的神蹟以外,再 沒有神蹟給他們看。 40 <u>約拿三日三夜在大魚肚腹中,人子也要這樣三日三夜在地</u> 裏頭。 41 …看哪,在這裏有一人比約拿更大!(太 12:39-41)
- 約拿怎樣為尼尼微人成了神蹟,人子也要照樣為這世代的人成了神蹟。(路 11:30)
- 14 若基督沒有復活,我們所傳的便是枉然,你們所信的也是枉然...22 在<u>亞當</u>裏眾人都死了;照樣,在基督裏眾人也都要復活。(林前 15:14,22)

二. 神的愛與救恩乃是為著萬民

- 救恩出於耶和華(拿 2:9b)
- 我知道你是有恩典、有憐憫的 神,不輕易發怒,有豐盛的慈愛,並且後悔不降所 說的炎...(拿 4:2)
- 我們原是祂的工作,在基督耶穌裏造成的,為要叫我們行善,就是 神所預備叫我們行的。(弗 2:10)

三. 神在約拿身上改變的工作也是神蹟: 最普遍且最費功夫的神蹟

- 我們天天都該經歷基督復活的大能與改變的大能
- 10 使我認識基督,曉得祂復活的大能,並且曉得和祂一同受苦,效法祂的 死,11 或者我也得以從死裏復活。12 這不是說我已經得著了,已經完全了;我乃 是竭力追求,或者可以得著基督耶穌所以得著我的。(腓 3:10-12)
- 4…我們藉著洗禮歸入死,和祂一同埋葬,原是叫我們一舉一動有新生的樣式,像 基督藉著父的榮耀從死裏復活一樣。 5 我們若在祂死的形狀上與祂聯合,也要在祂 復活的形狀上與祂聯合。 (羅 6:4-5)

Experience Jonah's "Double Miracles"

Scripture Reference: Jonah

Memorization Verse(s): 30 Jesus performed many other miracles in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these things are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing in him may have life in his name. (John 20:30-31)

1. The "sign of Jonah" typifies the miracle of Christ's resurrection, which is the greatest and most significant miracle

- 39 He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 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. 41...and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.(Matthew 12:39-41)
- For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. (Luke 11:30)
- 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.... 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ, all shall be made alive.. (1 Corinthians 15:14,22)

2. God's love and salvation are for all peoples

- Salvation is of the Lord. (Jonah 2:9)
- ...You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. (Jonah 2:2)
- For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

3. God's transformational work on Jonah is also a miracle: the most prevalent and yet the most arduous miracle

- We should experience the power of Christ's resurrection and the power of transformation every day
- 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained,[b] or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. (Philippians 3:10-12)
- 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,... (Romans 6:4-5)