

JESUS WAS NOT JONAH

Jesus said in 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.***” In the book of Jonah 3:2, God said to Jonah, “***Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you.***” The Ninevites believed Jonah was Oannes, a fish-like deity, when he emerged from the sea. The text compares the ministries of Jesus and Jonah, highlighting Jonah’s three-day ordeal in the belly of a fish and his subsequent preaching to the people of Nineveh. It emphasizes the power of the gospel message, stating that it is more powerful than Jonah’s message of repentance and can transform the world through the Holy Spirit and preaching.