



"Total Eclipse of the Heart!"

Luke 11:29-32

Well, they say that tomorrow's eclipse will pass through 11 cities in America named Nineveh and a Whale Constellation will be in the sky...9 cities named Egypt...in the 1800's with the last total eclipse the New Madrid Fault line went off in MO...*Oh there are many more!*

- **FACT - NO ONE KNOWS!** According to the Bible, there are signs in the sky! That's for sure! But, we need to be very careful to stay with Scripture and not outside voices!
- People are always saying that if they can just SEE...they will believe! No they won't! Just look over and over in the Bible! Signs and wonders are real...God can do anything!
- Fact - JESUS DOES NOT NEED TO GIVE A SIGN for the Gospel to be effective!
- **Jesus Himself and His Word is enough...not a sign!**
- People are predicting so much! According to the Bible, the SIGNS of the Heavens **FALLING APART** is what is predicted one day...Matthew 24:29!
- **Verse 29** – "This evil generation keeps asking me to show them a miraculous sign. But the only sign I will give them is the sign of Jonah."
- Jesus ALWAYS declined to give signs on demand. Evidences were not and are not a means by which He appealed to unbelievers.
- **It is Scripture alone that is the sufficiency to overcome belief! Not a sign!**
- **Romans 1:16** – The Gospel itself is the POWER of God working unto Salvation!
- The Old Testament and New show us that God can split the Red Sea and drown the enemy of the Israelites, and the people still disobey the Lord!
- Jesus is saying and showing that He alone is enough! **Verse 32** – "...Now someone greater than Jonah is here-but you refuse to repent."

1. The Sign of Jonah!

- Just like our story two weeks ago of Jesus delivering the man of a demon, those people wanted a sign from Heaven instead...**a cosmological sign!** This crowd is no different!
- **Again, there are no amount of evidences that will turn unbelief to faith.** Just look at the beautiful earth that we live on...MANY reject the Lord still!
- It is the **Word of God** that cuts the heart of sin, and that person will repent when that happens!
- **Acts 2:37 / Hebrews 4:12 / John 6:63 / Romans 10:17 / James 1:22-25 / Peter 1:23**
- The "**Sign of Jonah**" = **Jesus showing himself Resurrected!**
- The "**Sign of Jonah**" = **Judgment to come!** Why? They refuse to believe!

- When Jesus speaks of Jonah, He is saying that the story of Jonah is 100% accurate! From the calling, running away, big fish, preaching to Nineveh and Nineveh repenting! All of it!
- Some today have struggled with believing the story of Jonah...let alone the stories of the Bible "Come on Pastor Jerry, a big fish swallows him and he is in there for 3 days? Not real sure man!" (This is the unbelief that Jesus is addressing..."I need to see it before I believe thing!")
- In Matthew 12:39, Jesus says "An evil and adulterous generation want a sign!" This is a direct reference to unfaithfulness and cheating on God!
- Jeremiah 5:7-9 – People have been turning against God from the beginning!
- Luke 11:30 – Jonah was sent in his time to preach and people repent! Jesus was sent in His time to preach and people to repent!
- Luke 11:31 – "The queen of Sheba will stand up against this generation on Judgment Day and condemn it."
- Why? Because she traveled a far distance to just hear the Wisdom of Solomon!
- These people have Jesus literally right there and still reject Him!
- Verse 32 – The people of Nineveh repented when Jonah was sent to them! These people that have Jesus right there refuse to accept Jesus!

A. Take a look at Nineveh:

- Jonah 1:2 – "Wickedness", Jonah 3:8 – "Violence." (Did you see that EVERYONE MUST PRAY!)
- The Book of Nahum also tells of how brutal and immoral that Nineveh was!
- Jonah 1:3 – "But Jonah ran away from the Lord and boarded a ship...to escape the Lord"
- Bad things happen to the ship's crew with a violent storm, they throw Jonah overboard, a big fish comes and swallows Jonah and he is in the belly of the fish for 3 days!
- Jonah 3:1 – "The Word of the Lord came to Jonah a 2nd time!" (2nd chance!) Do not throw away your 2nd chance with God...you may not get another!
- Jonah 3:3 – "Jonah obeyed the Word of the Lord and went to Nineveh!"
- Jonah 3:4 – Jonah started preaching on the first day!
- Jonah 3:5-10 – Look at what happens here...its incredible!
- Verse 9 – "Who can tell...perhaps..."
- "X marks the spot!" (I have to wonder where America is currently at on Judgment?)
- Jonah 3:10 – I just have to wonder if people in America will do what the people of Nineveh did? I wonder if our leaders will? If our families will? If our neighbors will?

Closing: God is the God who SEES!

- Genesis 1:21 – He saw GOOD!
- Genesis 6:5 & 11 – He saw EVIL!
- Hebrews 4:13 – He sees it all!
- 2 Chronicles 16:9 – Has He found you?
- Ezekiel 18:23 / 2 Peter 3:9 / 1 Timothy 2:4 – The HEART of God!
- I just wonder if the same principle can apply to America today in 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "IF"