

What are the implications of the resurrection?

- The crucified Jesus has been demonstrated to be both Lord and _____ because of the resurrection.
- A response to this truth is required, for no one can remain _____ about Jesus.

CONCLUSION

- Because of the resurrection, we can be _____ to Christ.
- Because we are united to Christ, we are necessarily _____ with His mission.
- We are called to join God's heart and to be _____ in carrying the message of the gospel around the world.



UNIT 2: The Atonement Foreshadowed **DATE:** February 22, 2015

LESSON 8: "The Sign of Jonah" (Jonah 1; Matt. 12:38-42; Acts 2:24-28)

NEXT WEEK: "Wounded for You" (Isaiah 53)

INTRODUCTION

- The Prophet Jonah became the agent through whom God brought about one of the greatest _____ in world history.
- But when we think of Jonah, we tend to remember his adventure in the _____ of a great fish.

JONAH WENT TO THE HEART OF THE EARTH IN

_____ TO GOD'S CALL (JONAH 1:1-5, 12-17).

- _____ were the Lord's messengers to call His people to repentance and faith.
- The storm was God's _____ to Jonah's attempt to thwart His plan.
- Jonah's fate—being swallowed up so that he seemed to be no more—came about because he had been _____ to God's call for him to go to Nineveh.

- “In sending Jonah as his messenger to sinful Nineveh, God showed his boundless grace and faithfulness. But centuries later, God sent another messenger to sinful mankind. Only this messenger went willingly and joyfully because he knew the heart of God. In fact, he was the heart of God.” ~Tullian Tchividjian

**JESUS WENT TO THE HEART OF THE EARTH IN
_____ TO GOD’S CALL (MATTHEW 12:38-42).**

- Comparisons between Jesus and Jonah:
 - Both Jesus and Jonah experienced a three-day period during which each was, in some way, swallowed up. Jonah was swallowed by the _____; Jesus was swallowed by the _____.
 - Both Jesus and Jonah emerged _____ and proclaimed God’s Word to those to whom God had sent them.
- Contrasts between Jesus and Jonah:
 - Jonah _____ God as much as he could. Jesus delighted in _____ God in every possible way.
 - Jonah _____ the idea that people far from God, such as the people of Nineveh, could come to know Him. Jesus _____ for those who were unfaithful to God, even self-righteous religious leaders, to come into a right relationship with Him.

- Jonah’s preaching to the Ninevites resulted in a _____ outcome—they repented. Jesus’ preaching to the Jewish people of His generation resulted in a largely _____ outcome—they refused to believe.

- By virtue of His death and _____, Jesus was certainly the greater prophet than Jonah.

**BELIEVERS ARE _____ BECAUSE
GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD (ACTS 2:24-28).**

- Jesus did disappear into the grave, but He emerged _____, just as He prophesied.
- Peter preached the Gospel of Christ in Jerusalem and emphasized the _____. This time there was an overwhelming _____ response.
- _____ was a demonstration of God’s missionary heart being displayed through Jesus’ followers. On that day, the message began spreading throughout the world.

Why was the resurrection essential?

- It was the _____ of the Heavenly Father.
- Jesus was raised according to the _____.