

# LUKE Lesson 30

## The Sign of Jonah / The Light Within You (Luke 11:27-36)

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### Recap:

**Luke 11:26** “The last state of that man is worse than the first.” Change “man” to “nation” and this verse can be applied to Israel. The Jews wouldn’t get rid of their idols. Behind every idol is a devil (Psalm 106:37-38, 1 Cor 10:20, Lev 17:7). God sent them into captivity for 70 years, during which time they got rid of their idols. The problem is, they later rejected Jesus Christ. After that, Titus sacked Jerusalem, and the Jews were scattered throughout the world where they have faced terrible tragedies, heartaches, and persecution; worse than ever before.

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### Mariolatry Unsupported by the Bible and Countered by the Lord

**27-28** When a woman began giving praise to Mary, the Lord didn’t give any support to her actions. He told her what she ought to be doing instead; hearing the word of God and keeping it.

**29-30** When you see a generation of people bent on seeking signs (1 Cor 14:22), that is an evil generation.

### The Sign of Jonah the Prophet

Jesus gives the details of this sign in Matthew 12:40.

1. **Jonah was 3 days and 3 nights** in a whale’s belly. Jesus (the Creator; Jn 1:3) said Jonah’s great fish (Jonah 1:17) was called a whale.
  - a. **Jesus would be 3 days and 3 nights** in the heart of the earth. (This makes “Good Friday” impossible).
2. **Jonah died**, and the whale served as a tomb for his body.
  - a. **Jesus died**, and His body was placed in a tomb (Mark 6:29).
3. **Jonah’s spirit went back to God** who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7).
  - a. **Jesus’ gave His Spirit back to God** when He died on the cross (Luke 23:46).
4. **Jonah’s soul went to Hell**, where he prayed (Jonah 2:1-2).
  - a. **Jesus’ soul went to Hell**, where He preached condemnation to the lost (1 Peter 3:19) and preached the gospel those Old Testament saints in Abraham’s bosom (1 Peter 4:12) who had been forgiven, but not yet cleared (Exodus 34:7) by the blood of Christ.

### Trinity

- We are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27)
- God is a trinity (1 John 5:7), “the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”
- Man is a trinity (1 Thessalonians 5:23), spirit, soul, and body, but one person.  
At death, your **spirit** returns to God (Eccl. 12:7), your **body** returns to dust (Gen. 3:19), and your **soul** leaves the body (Gen 35:18) and either goes to Heaven (2 Cor. 5:8, 1 Thess 4:16-17) or to Hell (Luke 16:23).

5. **Jonah was resurrected** when the whale spewed him out of his mouth (Jonah 2:10). His body was not corrupted (Jonah 2:6).
  - a. **Jesus was resurrected** on the third day and his body saw no corruption (Psalm 16:10, Acts 2:27).

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ was the only sign the Jews were given. But they spoke against it (Luke 2:34) and rejected their Messiah.

### **Victory Over Death**

The whale is a picture of death. At the resurrection of Jonah, the whale died on the beach. After that, it had no more power over Jonah to hold him or hurt him anymore.

Jesus was resurrected: death no longer has power over those who receive Him as their Savior (1 Cor 15:53-57).

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### **Two Illustrations of How to Properly Respond to the Lord's Call:**

**Vs 31** The Queen of Sheba will condemn the Christ rejectors. She stands as an example of someone who did everything she possibly could to get a chance to meet King Solomon (a type of Christ). If you end up in Hell, it won't be because you "*didn't know*" about Christ. It will be because you didn't want to know Him.

**"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near"** (Isaiah 55:6).

**Vs 32** When the Ninevites heard Jonah preach about God's judgment, they immediately repented and took actions to show they meant it. If you reject Christ, the men of Nineveh will stand as an example of what you should have done. Their very example will condemn you.

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### **Letting the Light of God's Holy Spirit Illuminate your Life (Vss 33-36)**

The Holy Spirit comes to live within you when you receive Jesus Christ.

He is a light within you: shedding light on your thoughts, motives, and interests, revealing what is wrong or lacking in your life, and instructing you in the ways of Jesus Christ and bringing you to perfection (completion).

The more time you spend reading your Bible, praying, fellowshiping with others, and telling others about the Lord, the more of God's light you will have to properly guide you through your life.

Note: you don't ever receive "more" of the Holy Spirit. If you're saved, you have the Holy Spirit entirely. But spending more time in the light of His word will enable you to see through spiritual eyes.

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**"The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly"** (Proverbs 20:27).