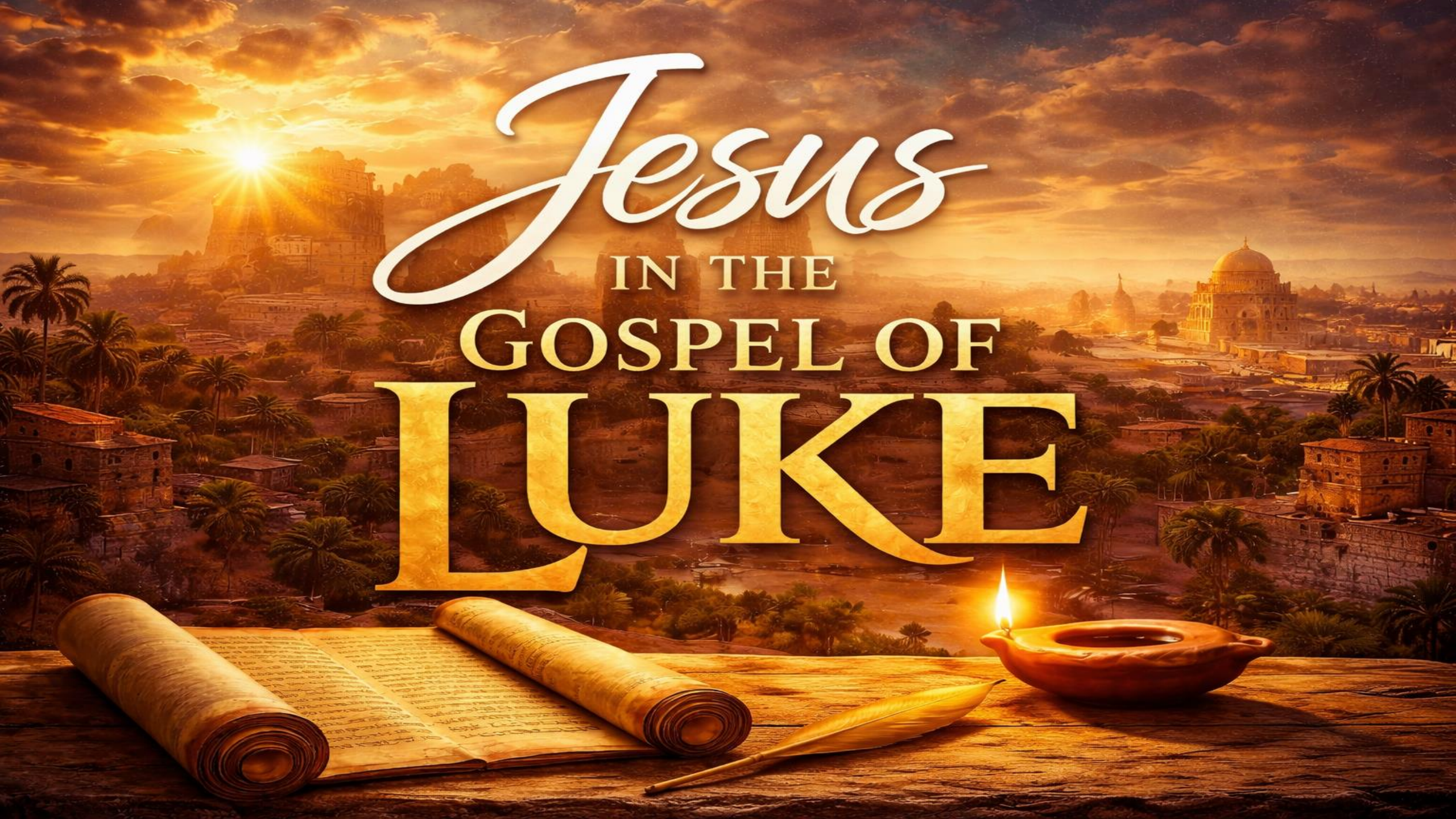




Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ



Jesus
IN THE
GOSPEL OF
LUKE





29 When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. 30 For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. 31 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

- Luke 11:29 – 32 (ESV)

JONAH CHAPTER 1



1. Jonah Flees From the Lord

But Jonah rose to flee
to Tarshish from the
presence of the Lord.
(v. 3)

2. The Storm

And the Lord hurled a
great wind upon the sea,
and there was a mighty
storm on the sea.
(v. 4)

3. The Casting of Lots

So they cast lots,
and the lot fell on Jonah.
(v. 7)

4. Jonah is Thrown Into the Sea

Then they took Jonah
and threw him into the sea,
and the sea ceased
from its raging.
(v. 15)

5. The Great Fish

And the Lord appointed
a great fish to swallow
up Jonah. And Jonah
was in the belly of the
fish three days and
three nights.
(v. 17)

JONAH CHAPTER 2

Jonah's Prayer from Inside the Fish

1. Jonah's Distress (v. 1-2)

*"Then Jonah prayed to the LORD
his God from the belly of the fish,
and he said..."*

2. Jonah Acknowledges the LORD (v. 3)

*"For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the floods surrounded me;..."*

3. Jonah's Realization (v. 4-6)

*"I said, 'I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.'..."*

4. Jonah's Thanksgiving (v. 7-9)

*"When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple...."*

5. Jonah's Vow (v. 9)

*"But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!"*



Key Truth:

Even in the depths of our greatest troubles, Jonah turned to the LORD in prayer and found hope in His salvation.

**Salvation belongs
to the LORD!**

JONAH CHAPTER 3

Jonah Preaches to Nineveh, and the City Repents

1. Jonah's Message (v. 1-4)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah:

“Arise, go to Nineveh... and call out against it”
the message that I tell you.”

Jonah went into the city and proclaimed,

“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

2. The King Hears and Proclaims a Fast (v. 5-8)

The word reached the king of Nineveh.

He arose from his throne, removed his robe,
covered himself with sackcloth,
and sat in ashes.

He issued a proclamation throughout
Nineveh, calling for a fast and repentance
for all people and animals.

3. The People Repent (v. 5-9)

From the greatest to the least,
all the people of Nineveh believed God.
They fasted, put on sackcloth,
and turned from their evil ways,
crying out mightily to God.

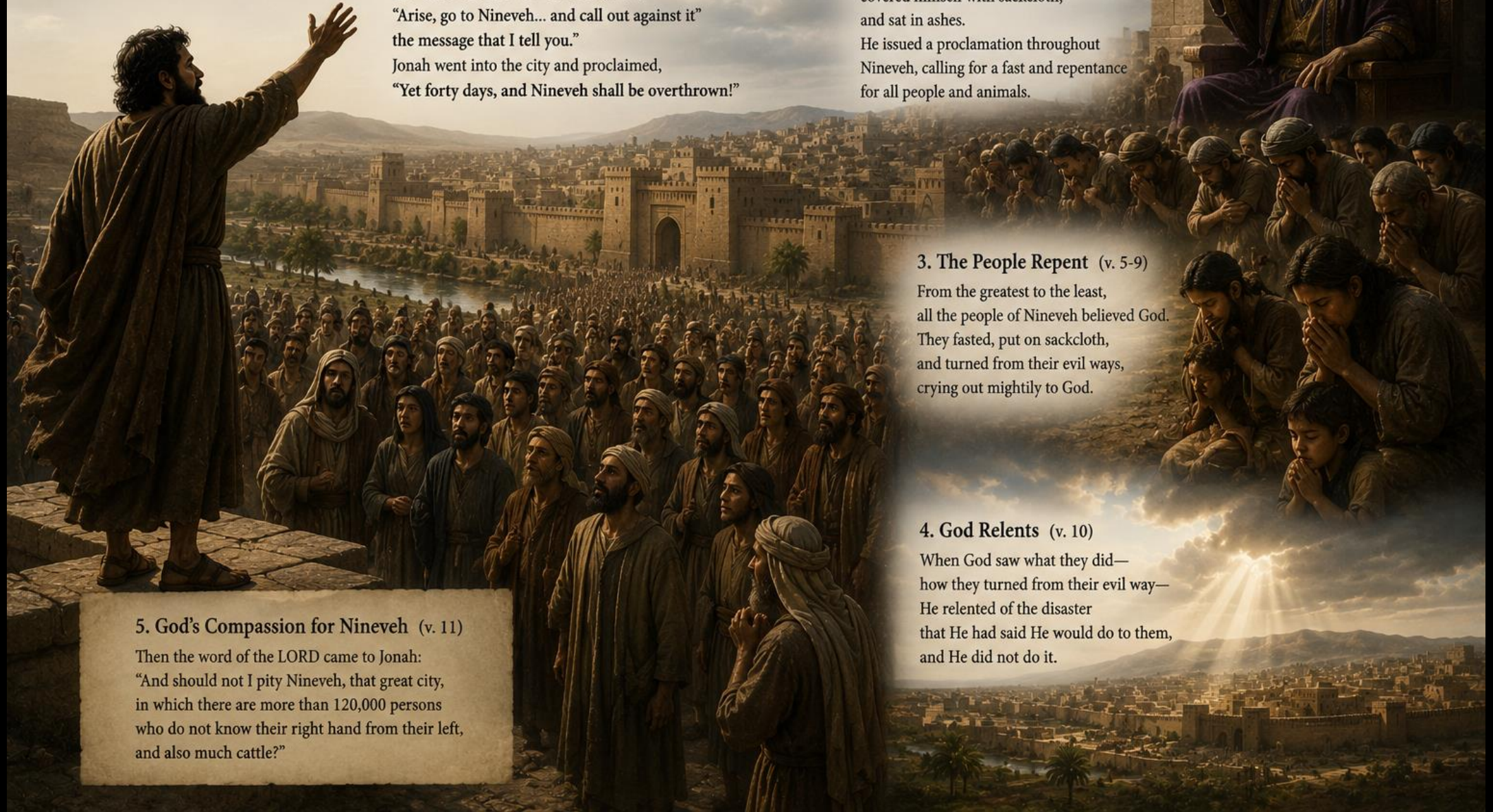
4. God Relents (v. 10)

When God saw what they did—
how they turned from their evil way—
He relented of the disaster
that He had said He would do to them,
and He did not do it.

5. God's Compassion for Nineveh (v. 11)

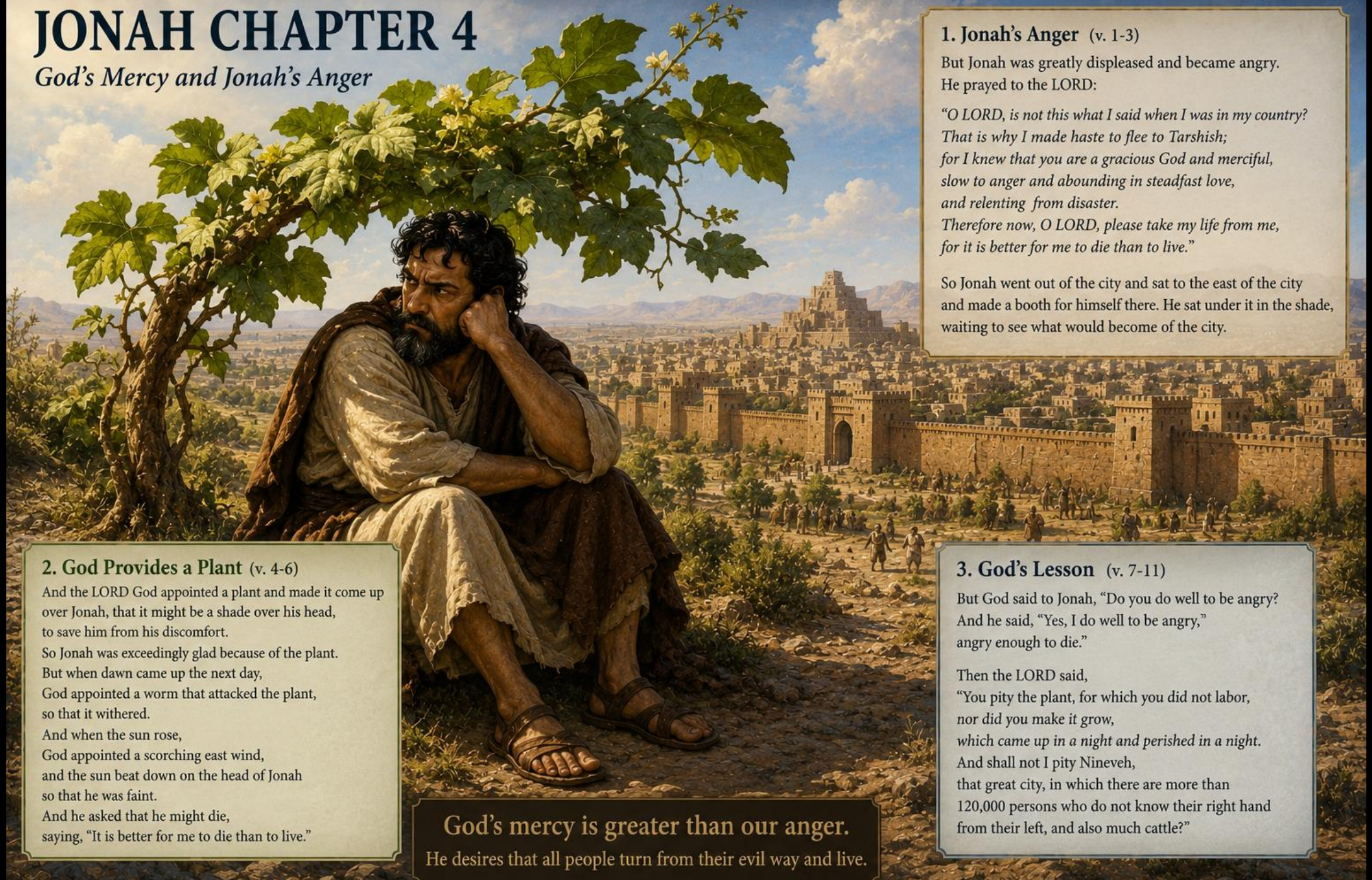
Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah:

“And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city,
in which there are more than 120,000 persons
who do not know their right hand from their left,
and also much cattle?”



JONAH CHAPTER 4

God's Mercy and Jonah's Anger



1. Jonah's Anger (v. 1-3)

But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. He prayed to the LORD:

"O LORD, is not this what I said when I was in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

So Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

2. God Provides a Plant (v. 4-6)

And the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort.

So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.

But when dawn came up the next day,

God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.

And when the sun rose,

God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint.

And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is better for me to die than to live."

3. God's Lesson (v. 7-11)

But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry? And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry," angry enough to die."

Then the LORD said,

"You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. And shall not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

God's mercy is greater than our anger.

He desires that all people turn from their evil way and live.

NINEVEH

The Great City



ASSYRIA INVADES ISRAEL

ABOUT 722 BC

The Assyrians came up against the northern kingdom of Israel and captured its cities.

2 Kings 17:5-6



THE ASSYRIAN EMPIRE



WHAT HAPPENED?

- The Assyrians conquered Samaria, the capital of Israel.
- They deported the people of Israel to Assyria.
- They settled foreigners in their land.

2 Kings 17:6

CONSIDER HOW LITTLE NINEVEH HAD:

i. No Bible.



They did not have God's written Word.

ii. No miracles recorded.



They did not see miraculous signs or wonders.

iii. No resurrection account.



They did not have the record of anyone rising from the dead.

iv. One prophet preaching one message.



They heard one man preach one message:
"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"
(Jonah 3:4)

v. Yet they repented.



They believed God.
They fasted.
They turned from their evil ways.

They had so little—
yet they responded
with great repentance.

YET THEY REPENTED.

"When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way,
God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it."

JONAH 3:10

14 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," 16 while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

Luke 11:14 – 16 (ESV)

29 When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.

Luke 11:29 (ESV)

27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” 28 But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Luke 11:27 – 28 (ESV)

1. JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000

(John 6:1-15)

Seeing the great crowd, Jesus had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples wanted to send the people away to buy food.

Jesus took five loaves and two fish, gave thanks, and fed the 5,000 men, besides women and children. There was plenty left over.

JOHN 6

JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

John 6:35

2. JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

(John 6:16-21)

That night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea. The disciples were afraid, but Jesus said, "It is I; do not be afraid."

Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore.

3. THE BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE

(John 6:22-59)

The next day the crowd looked for Jesus. He taught them,

"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life."

John 6:27

Then Jesus declared,

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever."

John 6:48-51



4. MANY DISCIPLES TURN AWAY

(John 6:60-71)

Many of His disciples said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

Because of this, many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"




Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:66-68



5. JESUS PREPARES THE DISCIPLES

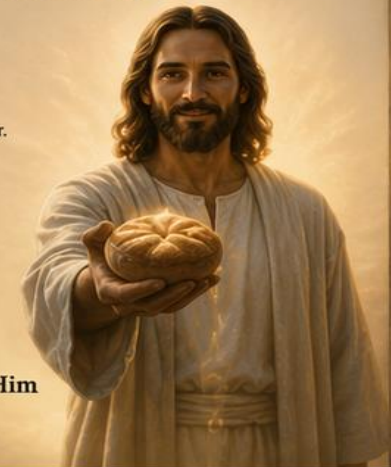
(John 6:1-71)

John 6 reveals who Jesus is: He is the Bread of Life.

-  He satisfies our deepest hunger.
-  He gave His flesh for the life of the world.
-  He offers eternal life to all who believe in Him.

Whoever comes to Jesus shall never hunger, and whoever believes in Him shall never thirst.

John 6:35



**JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE.
COME TO HIM. BELIEVE IN HIM. LIVE FOREVER.**

WHAT IS THE SIGN *of* JESUS?

The sign of Jesus is His death,
His resurrection, and His ascension—
the sign of God's love and
the promise of eternal life.



HIS DEATH

He died for
our sins.

1 Corinthians 15:3



HIS RESURRECTION

He was raised
from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:4



HIS ASCENSION

He ascended to
the Father.

Acts 1:9

THIS IS THE SIGN OF JESUS.

Matthew 12:38-40

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” 39 But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just 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 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

Matthew 12:38 – 42 (ESV)

Why
were signs
given?

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30 – 31 (ESV)

*14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 **But they have not all obeyed the gospel.** For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” **17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.***

Romans 10:14 – 17 (ESV)

WHAT ARE
— YOU —
SEEKING
— FROM —
GOD?



SEEKING GOD

FOR THE

WRONG REASONS:

1. Acceptance without repentance
2. Prosperity without faithfulness
3. Blessings without obedience

Seeking God

for the

Right Reasons:

1. To know His will
2. To respond in faithful obedience
3. To grow in faith
4. To obtain eternal life



SEEK FIRST
THE
KINGDOM OF GOD
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,



AND ALL THESE THINGS
WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.

MATTHEW 6:33



The problem was
never a lack of
signs—

the problem was
an unwillingness
to respond to
the greatest sign
God had already given.



WHAT WILL
— WE DO —
NOW THAT
CHRIST
HAS RISEN?

