

Jonah-Christ Comparisons¹

- Both grew up in N. Israel.
- The name Jonah means “Dove,” a symbol of peace.
- Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6; Luke 2:14; John 14:27).
- Jonah was sent because of the wickedness of Nineveh.
- Christ was sent because of the wickedness of the world.
- Both preached message of judgment and repentance.
- Jonah slept through a storm at Sea.
- Christ slept through a storm at Sea.
- The Lord prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah.
- The Lord prepared tomb to swallow His Son (Matt 27:60)
- Through the burial of Jonah the sailors were spared.
- Through the burial of Christ many are saved.
- (Eph. 4:10). “He who descended is the very one who ascended...”
- Jonah went into the water and brought worship of God to the crew.
- So also Jesus went into the grave and brought worship of God to humanity (Isa 53:4, 12; Rom 5:6–8; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet 2:21–24).²
- The belly of the Fish transformed the Place of Death to become the Place of Life.
- The Cross turned Golgotha into the place of Life.

¹ Taken from the following:

Gerald B. Stanton, “*The Prophet Jonah and His Message*,”
Bibliotheca Sacra 108 (1951): 237., “

Richard D. Patterson and Andrew E. Hill, *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary, Vol 10: Minor Prophets, Hosea–Malachi* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2008), 262.

James Bruckner, Jonah, *Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*,
The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI:
Zondervan Publishing House, 2004), 62–64.

² Richard D. Patterson and Andrew E. Hill, *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary, Vol 10: Minor Prophets, Hosea–Malachi* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2008), 262.

Christ Did What Jonah Could Not Do³

- Jesus obeyed perfectly.
- Unlike Jonah, Christ never failed.
- He never fled nor needed a second call.
- Jesus had the power to stop the storm.
- Jesus fulfilled the will of His Father (Phil 2:8).
- Never had any doubts.
- Always did everything just right.
- He set His face toward the cross.

³ *Bibliotheca Sacra* 108, no. 430 (1951): 246–249.

All the types of the holy Scriptures relate to Jesus Christ, in His whole character and work, as their grand object.⁴

⁴ *Bibliotheca Sacra* 108, no. 430 (1951): 244.

“Behold, a greater than Jonas is here!”
(Matt 12:41).

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The Hound of Heaven

Jonah 1:17—2:10

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