


1:2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up against me.”

3:4 “Jonah started into the city, going a day’s journey, and he proclaimed, ‘Forty more days and Nineveh will be destroyed.’”

3:10 “When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.”

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- People of Nineveh worshipped Nanshe, the fish goddess and Dagon, the fish God who was depicted as half man, half fish
 - As a result, when news began to spread that this man, now prophesying, had been hurled onto the beach by a great fish, it would have undoubtedly gotten their attention



GOD IS...
ABOUNDING IN MERCY

Jonah 4

VS. 1-3

Correction/clarification:

Why Jonah hesitated to go to Nineveh is clearly spelled out

Doubts? Fear? Sure, but what did he fear most?

That God wouldn't destroy the Ninevites

Hatred. Pride. Self-righteousness.

AN UNCOMFORTABLE LOOK INSIDE

Jonah had received mercy, but he didn't want them having any of it (Consider Luke 15:25-30)

Know anyone undeserving of the mercy of God?
Need a mirror?

God alone knows whom He has forsaken. We do not!
Are you withholding the Gospel?



VSS. 4-11

Jonah gets a well-deserved rebuke as God drives the point home



This story – as does every human story - involves man
but revolves around God

Here we see the goodness of God so beautifully on
display

1 Tim. 2:3-6

2 Pet. 3:9



VS. 2B

God is...

“a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.”

- Psalm 103:8-10
- Eph. 2:1-5