

JONAH

The word 'JONAH' is rendered in large, bold, white-outlined letters. Each letter is filled with a photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. In the foreground, there are wooden logs or pilings. The background shows distant mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

RELUCTANT MESSENGER

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

Jonah 2:7

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

Jonah 2:9

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Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” Jonah 3:8 - 9

Jonah Objects

“O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet 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.”

Jonah 4:2 - 3

Jonah Objects

...the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons

Jonah 4:10 - 11



God's Surprising Mercy

...the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

Luke 15:22-23

God's Surprising Mercy

...his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.... But he was angry and refused to go in ...

Luke 15:25 - 28

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...they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?

Matthew 20:10 - 15

God's Surprising Mercy

And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

Matthew 18:27 - 28

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In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he **lavished upon us ...**

Ephesians 1:7 - 8

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