

JESUS: THE BETTER JONAH

Jesus is the Jonah that Jonah should have been.

- Jonah ran FROM sinners; Jesus ran TOWARD sinners.
- Jonah was ANGRY at God's mercy; Jesus EMBODIED God's mercy.
- Jonah RELUCTANTLY preached to his enemies; Jesus WILLINGLY died for His enemies.
- Jonah WANTED Nineveh destroyed; Jesus WANTS NO ONE to perish.
- Jonah was SWALLOWED by a fish for three days and spit out alive; Jesus was BURIED in a tomb for three days and was raised to life.
- Jonah COMPLAINED about suffering for others; Jesus EMBRACED suffering for others.

Jesus didn't just talk about loving enemies; He did it.

- Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners, and it was the religious people who criticized Him.
- When Peter cut off the ear of a soldier arresting Him, Jesus healed the man.
- While his enemies mocked Him, Jesus prayed, "*Father, forgive them for they don't know what they're doing.*"
- While they crucified Him, He was providing salvation for a guilty thief hanging right next to Him.