



#### Week 14

**Sermon Series: Surrendered: Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah**

**Sermon Title: The Coming Judgement Proclaimed: Averted**

**Sermon Text: Jonah 3**

**Study Handout Week of: November 25, 2018**

**Group Week of: December 2, 2018**

**Sermon Date: December 9, 2018**

**BEFORE WE BEGIN:** What was your takeaway from this past Sunday's sermon?

**DOCTRINE: ATONEMENT FOR SIN** We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the one mediator between God and man, Christ Jesus, God's Son. Appointed by the Father, He freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin. He perfectly obeyed the divine law. In His death on the cross Christ, the Lord bearing our sins in His own body on the tree, made a full and vicarious atonement for sin through a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust. Having then risen from the dead, He ascended into heaven becoming High Priest interceding for the saints. He thus is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior. 1 Timothy 2:56; Hebrews 2:17; 4:15; 1 Peter 2:24

**ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: Merciful** – Mercy is an essential quality of God (Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 62:12;); He is the "Father of Mercies" (2 Corinthians 1:3), "rich in mercy" (Ephesians 2:4), "full of pity, and merciful" (James 5:11). Psalm 32:5 "I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord' -and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Proverbs 28:13 "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

#### **DAY 1 Read Jonah 3:1-3**

1. The Lord comes a second time to Jonah. What clear direction does God to give to Jonah in 3:1-2?
2. How does this reveal God's mercy to Jonah and to the Ninevites?
3. God disciplines his children. Share a time God came to you a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time and recommissioned you to do His work.

#### **DAY 2 Read Jonah 1:1-3, 15-17; Jonah 3:1-4; Hebrews 4:12**

1. Jonah previously rejected God's command to go to Nineveh. List how Jonah's experience of God's power to deliver him from death, the reality of God's wrath upon disobedience, and God's mercy affected his preaching?
2. Compare God's command to Jonah in Jonah 1:1-3 with His command in Jonah 3:1-2.

3. Why is it important to proclaim God's Word to unbelievers today? What role does the message of God's judgment or wrath have in sharing the gospel with people today?

**DAY 3 Read Jonah 3:5-9; John 8:24, 31**

1. Give the response of the Ninevites in vs 5? What does it mean to believe God? What was the result?
2. What was the King's personal response? Would this have been expected? Why or why not.
3. List facts in the King's proclamation.
4. How has God extended His discipline and mercy to you this week?

**DAY 4 Read Jonah 3:1-10, Numbers 23:19, Romans 9:15, Psalm 51**

1. Explain, "God had compassion and didn't bring upon them the destruction he had threatened." Read Numbers 23:19. What does vs. 9 tell you about the character of God?
2. Find verses in the Bible that speak of God's mercy and forgiveness. How do these encourage you?

**DAY 5 Read Jonah 3:1-10**

1. How is the death of the Lord Jesus Christ more meaningful to you after reading Jonah 3? On what basis are our sins forgiven? Explain the justice of God and the love of God displayed at the cross.
2. From what sins do you need to turn? Will you repent today and take God's forgiveness and power to live for Him?
3. With whom will you share God's timeless truths of forgiveness and blessing this week?