

The Sign of Jonah

Matthew 12:38-50

Key Verse: 39

1. What was wrong with the Pharisees' demand? (38-39a; Mt 11:4-5; 1Co 1:22) How is this sin like adultery? (Jer 3:1) What is the only faith that matters? (Rom 10:9,10)
2. What sign did Jesus promise them and what did this mean? (39b-40) What can we learn from the Ninevites and the Queen of Sheba? (41-42; 1Ki 10:6-9; Jonah 3:5,10) What did Jesus mean by "something greater than Jonah and Solomon"? Why would they stand and condemn that generation?
3. What does "a house swept clean" mean? (43-45) What might have been Jesus' motive in this illustration? Why is the final condition of that person worse than at first?
4. Why did Jesus' family come to see him? (46-47; Mk 3:21) What is the criteria to be part of Jesus' family? (46-50)