

***The Jonah Syndrome: Being a "Fishy" Follower of Jesus  
Voyage To The Bottom of The Sea: Can You Hear Me Now?  
Jonah 1:17-2:10***

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**The Theme of Jonah: The m e r c y of God**

**The *Historicity* of Jonah**

- Jonah was a h i s t o r i c a l person (2 Ki 14:25)
- Jesus c o n f i r m e d Jonah as authentic  
(Matt 12:38-41; Lk 11:29-32)

**God is *compassionate* to:**

- Answer me even in my g u i l t  
(2:1-2; Ps 107:10-15; 1 Cor 10:1-13)
- Answer me in spite of His j u d g m e n t  
(2:3; Heb 12:5-11; Job 36:15)
- Deliver me from i m p o s s i b l e circumstances (2:4-7)

He delivers:

- According to His p l a n (vs 4-6; Mk 8:22-26)
- In His perfect t i m i n g (v 7; 2 Pet 2:9)
- Deliver me for His g l o r y (2:8-9)  
So that He will:
  - Gain my *undivided* l o y a l t y (v 8; Mk 12:30)
  - Receive my *grateful* t h a n k s g i v i n g  
(v 9; Phil 4:6-8; Ps 50:15)
- Answer me in my distress so I might be m e r c i f u l as  
He is m e r c i f u l (2:10; Mic 6:8)