

## **God Has a Message for You: Jonah, Part 1**

### **Jonah 1:1-16**

#### **How can we know that the story of Jonah is true?**

- 1) Jonah as real historical person is corroborated by 2 Kings 14:25.
- 2) He was considered historical by ancient Hebrew scholars.
- 3) Jesus talked about Jonah and the whole story as historical fact.

#### **There are 3 primary stories in Jonah; the whale isn't one of them!**

- 1) The story of the salvation of some pagan sailors.
- 2) The story of the salvation of the Assyrians in Nineveh.
- 3) The story of a belligerent, joyless prophet.

#### **Story #1 – Jesus wants these sailors to be saved.**

- 1) God brings a believer into your life.
- 2) God brings a storm into your life.
- 3) You discover that what you have been depending upon isn't enough.
- 4) Real need brings you to a place of real questions.
- 5) A real believer answers your real questions and it leads you to an understanding that there is a real God.
- 6) Most people do not receive the Lord the first go round.
- 7) Real repentance and real faith result in a real relationship with a real God.