

WHY DID YOU INCLINE TO SEEK A MIRACLE?

Matthew 12:38-50

Key Verse: 12:39

"He answered, `A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.'" "

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verse 38. How and why had Jesus rebuked the Pharisees in the previous passage? Why were they now seeking a sign? What were expectations which came from their history and God's promises? What was God's real purpose for them (1Pe 2:9)
2. Read verse 39. Why does Jesus called miracle-seeking people wicked and adulterous? What is the only sign Jesus promised? Read verses 40. In what way was Jonah's experience in the fish a sign of Christ?
3. Read verse 41. Why should we learn from the people of Nineveh? Read verse 42. Why did the Queen of Sheba come to see Solomon? (See Kings 10:6-13) In what way is she far better than the people of Jesus times?
4. Read verses 43-45. What does Jesus teach the Pharisees and all self-righteous people about the work of evil spirits? What must we do to keep out the evil spirits?
5. Why did Jesus' mother and brothers come? How did Jesus respond? Why? What can we learn from this?