

Key Scripture:

Philippians 3:8 NLT

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...**

Sign of Jonah

Matthew 12:39-41 NLT

39 But Jesus replied, "Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign; but *the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah*.

40 For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.
41 "The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah.
Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent."

God created signs in the heavens.

Genesis 1:14 GOD'S WORD

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night.

They will be signs and will mark religious festivals, days, and years.

Sign of Jonah – Then & Now

- ✓ Gentile Nations
- ✓ 2 solar eclipses (sun darkened & lunar eclipse at crucifixion)
- ✓ Earthquakes
- ✓ State of the Nation
- ✓ Against Israel
- ✓ Given the opportunity to repent.

Why does God judge the nations?

Joel 3:2 NLT

I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat.

There <u>I will judge them for harming My people</u>, My special possession, for <u>scattering My people among the nations</u>, and for <u>dividing up My land</u>.

- ✓ God brings judgment for the purpose of repentance.
- \checkmark God always precedes judgment by giving warning signs.
- \checkmark God forgives all those who believe in Him and repent.

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Knowing JESUS

Sign of Jonah

Knowing the Sign of Good News

1. **Beware** of seeking after the signs.

Matthew 16:2-4 Message

2 He told them, "You have a saying that goes,

'Red sky at night, sailor's delight; 3 red sky at morning, sailors take warning.'

You find it easy enough to forecast the weather — why can't you read the signs of the times?

4 An evil and wanton generation is always wanting signs and wonders.

The only sign you'll get is the Jonah sign."

2. **Believe** God and repent.

John 4:48 NLT

Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in Me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?"

Mark 1:15 NLT

"The time promised by God has come at last!" He announced.

"The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

3. Bring the Word to the rulers.

Acts 4:8-12 NLT

8 Then <u>Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people</u>, 9 are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? 10 Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,

<u>the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.</u> 11 For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says,

'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'

12 <u>There is salvation in no one else!</u>

God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

4. Be ready!

Luke 21:34-36

34 <u>"Watch out!</u> Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. <u>Don't let that day catch you unaware</u>, 35 like a trap. For that Day will come upon everyone living on the earth. 36 <u>Keep alert at all times</u>. And <u>pray that you</u> <u>might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."</u>

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