Jonah and Jesus

→Matthew 12:40: What points of similarity are there between Jonah and Jesus?

I. Jonah as an OT Type of Christ

 -In both cases there is a death and resurrection (Jonah 2:1, 2, 6; Ps. 16:10).

 -In both cases death and resurrection become a channel by which the Word of God passes from the Jews

 to the Gentiles (Luke 24:46, 47).

-In both cases the experiences of Jonah and Christ serve to validate their messages (Luke 11:30).

II. Jonah as a Contrasting Parallel with Christ

 -Jesus is greater than Jonah in His person (Heb. 1:1, 2).

 -Jesus is greater than Jonah in His (prophetic) office (Scope, Discharge, Authority).

 -Jesus is greater than Jonah in His power (Acts 5:31).

III. Jonah as a Testimonial Sign of Christ

 -The Sign of Jonah Declared (Matt. 16:4)

 -The Sign of Jonah Displayed (Luke 11:29, 30)

 -The Sign of Jonah Described (Matt. 12:38-40)

Practical Lessons

1) A Reason for Confidence

2) A Call to Repentance

3) A Basis for Assurance