

Matthew 12 Sign Seeking is Evil

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Jesus encountered this in the *wilderness temptation*, **Mt 4:5-7**

the source : Satan

the problem : if Christ had consented He would have centered people's attention to signs

His mission : focus people's attention on faith in God & His word & His provision : the Messiah

Real faith : Trust in God !!!not signs

Gospel examples - Mt 12:38 & 16:1 Mk 8:11 **Lk 11:16** Jn 2:18 & 4:48 & 6:30

Pharisees demand is unreasonable

Christ had provided : (1) many public signs, **John 20:30 & 21:25**

(2) enough to lead men to firm faith

God : (1) provides '*grace and truth*' by the Messiah, **John 1:14 & 17**

(2) considers sign seeking ~ spiritual whoredom or false gods

v 40 *whale* - **Jonah 1:17, 2:1-2**

taxonomy (*taxis - order*) - Carl Linnaeus, 21 great scientists who believed the Bible, A. Lamont p 50

doct: The only sign that matters is "**The Sign of the Resurrection**" **Acts 2:27-34, 17:18-32**

THE UNBELIEF = not believing in a literal, bodily resurrection [rb v 31-32]

v 42 *queen of the south* - **1 Kings 10:1**

<i>Jonas</i> v40	<i>Christ</i>	<i>queen of S.</i> v 42	<i>Israel</i>
no compassion for hearers	great	uninvited	invited, 11:28, 22:3
could not forgive sins	could	came on a report	had signs
a bad example	perfect example	came from afar	home field advantage
suffered little	suffered full judgment	spent \$\$\$	freely given