

Jonah 1:17-2:10 The Reluctant Evangelist – nowhere to hide

At what points in your life have you been very conscious of God's mercy towards you?

Read Jonah 1:17-2:10

1. Who does Jonah see as responsible for him being hurled into the sea? What does this suggest about his take on the events so far?
2. List the key things Jonah says about God in his 'psalm' (verse 2-9).
3. At what point in the 'psalm' does Jonah say that his attitude to God changed? What caused this change? Why has his heart changed (compared to what we saw in Jonah in Chapter 1)?
4. In what way has Jonah experienced salvation? Looking at the words he uses, what has he been saved from and why?
5. What does Jonah seem to rely upon in his great moment of distress and what does that say to us?
6. Jonah concludes in verse 9 that "Salvation comes from the Lord". How does this statement help with the challenge of believing that Jonah survived in a fish for three days and three nights?
7. Read Matthew 12:38-41. Jesus' rose out of the earth and Jonah was vomited out of a fish. In what other ways is Jesus different from Jonah?
8. Jonah received God's salvation by looking toward the temple (2:4), and praying to God in His holy temple (2:7). How is this fulfilled in Jesus and what does it mean for our salvation? see Matthew 12:6, John 2:18-22, 1 Peter 2:4-10
9. Jonah knows that he was at a point of certain death, and now has a second chance at life and doing what God has commanded him to do. In what way is Jonah's experience like ours?
10. If "Salvation comes from the Lord", what does that say about our efforts in evangelism/ or our witness for Jesus? Are they worthwhile or just incidental?
11. What motivations for evangelism do you see in this passage?

Pray for the Seeing Jesus Clearly Diocesan Mission happening in 2019/20, and our own parish, and our individual witness to those around us who still don't know Jesus yet.
Pray for lives to be impacted at our Special Parish Dinner on Wed 27 Feb, and courage to invite others.
Pray for those on your Catch the Vision 2019 planner.