

### 1. Main Points:

- a. Mark 4:35-41 – Mark 5:1-20 – read as a continuation of the same story.
- b. Sign of Jonah – what is the sign?
- c. Jonah compared to Mark 4:35-14
- c. Message of Jonah

### 2. Review:

- Mark 4:35-41 – 5:1-20
- Jesus heads to the Decapolis (Romans)
- Result is Repentance

### 3. Sign of Jonah

- The phrase “sign of Jonah” shows up 3x in the New Testament:
  - Matt. 12:39
  - Matt. 16:4
  - Luke 11:29
- What is the sign? According to Matthew:
  - Matt. 12:40 – “three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”
  - According to Matthew, the “sign of Jonah” is the resurrection.
- What is the sign? According to Luke:
  - Luke 11:30 – “Jonah was a **sign** to the Ninevites.”
  - Luke 11:32 – “they **repented** at the preaching of Jonah.”
- According to Luke,
  - Jonah himself was a sign
  - the repentance of the gentiles (Ninevites) was a sign
- Luke 11:32 – “something greater than Jonah is here.”

4. **Quote, Allusion, Echo:**

- Direct quote of the Old Testament.
- Allusion to a story in the Old Testament – the stories have similar attributes.
- Echo – a vague pointing to something from the Old Testament.

4. **Jonah vs. Mark 4:35-5:20:**

Jesus (Mark 4:35 – 5:20)	Jonah
- mission to the gentiles	- mission to the gentiles (Jonah 1:1)
- boat	- boat (1:3)
- wind storm	- wind storm (1:4)
- Jesus sleeps	- Jonah sleeps (1:5-6)

- disciples cry out	- sailors cry out (1:14)
- miraculous stilling of the sea	- miraculous stilling of the sea (1:15)
- self-sacrifice to save others	- self-sacrifice to save others (1:12)

	- gentile sailors repent and praise God (1:16)
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5. **Nineveh** – the enemy of Israel – repents and receives God’s mercy

- demon-possessed man represents <b>Rome</b> /gentiles who receive mercy from God	- Nineveh repents at Jonah’s preaching (Jonah 3)
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6. **Lesson of Jonah?**

- Jonah 4
- Jonah is angry that God’s mercy extends to Israel’s enemies (4:1 – 2)
  - Notice that Jonah had expressed this to God when he was first called (4:2).
- The plant is an “object lesson” for Jonah
  - Jonah is upset that God destroyed a plant (God’s creation).
  - But he was not upset that people (God’s creation) would be destroyed.

7. **Questions:**

- If the worst heathens repent – would God forgive them?
- Are the Israelites willing to have God forgive their enemy? Are we?
- Are the Israelites willing to forgive their enemies? Are we? (Matt. 5:44)
- Do the Israelites understand God’s mercy? Do we?
- Paul’s actions? Peter’s actions towards gentiles? Paul’s argument to the churches?