

Jonah as a Type of Christ — Parallel Passages

Jonah	Jesus
From Gath-hepher in Galilee region (2 Kings 14:25)	Ministered in Galilee; called a Galilean (Matt 4:23; 26:69)
Slept during violent storm at sea (Jonah 1:5)	Slept during violent storm at sea (Mark 4:38)
Sailors fear perishing in storm (Jonah 1:6, 14)	Disciples fear perishing in storm (Mark 4:38)
Offers himself to stop the storm (Jonah 1:12)	Gives Himself for others (John 10:11; Matt 20:28)
Thrown into sea; storm ceases (Jonah 1:15)	Death brings peace/reconciliation (Rom 5:1; Col 1:20)
Gentile sailors fear the LORD after sacrifice (Jonah 1:16)	Gentile centurion acknowledges Jesus after crucifixion (Matt 27:54)
Three days and three nights in the fish (Jonah 1:17)	Three days in the heart of the earth (Matt 12:40)
Describes descent to the depths / Sheol imagery (Jonah 2:2–6)	Descends into death; not abandoned to Hades (Acts 2:31)
Delivered from the fish after 'burial-like' experience (Jonah 2:10)	Resurrected after burial (1 Cor 15:4)
Preaches coming judgment to Nineveh (Jonah 3:4)	Preaches repentance and coming judgment (Matt 4:17; Luke 13:3)
Nineveh (Gentile city) repents (Jonah 3:5–10)	Repentance proclaimed to all nations (Luke 24:47)
Becomes a "sign" to Nineveh (Luke 11:30)	The 'sign of Jonah' = death and resurrection (Matt 12:39–40)
Reluctant to carry out mission (Jonah 1:3; 4:1–2)	Submits to the Father's will (Luke 22:42)
Angry over mercy shown to others (Jonah 4:1)	Rejoices over repentance and mercy (Luke 15:7)
Repeated downward movement: down to Joppa, ship, sea, depths (Jonah 1–2)	Descends into death, then exalted (Phil 2:8–9)