

# A Sign

Matthew 12:38

## Unbelief

- some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law
- said to him - answered him

## Unbelief

- Teacher
- we want to see a miraculous sign from you
- “Prove it. Do something spectacular.”

## Unbelief

- a wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign
- “evil”
- “unfaithful”

## Unbelief

- No sign will be given...
  - Jesus is not there to put on a show.

## Unbelief

- His miracles are displays of power motivated by compassion.
- He will not perform spectacular deeds to convince those who already have hard hearts.

## Unbelief

- except for the sign of Jonah
  - as Jonah was in the belly of the fish
- so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

## Unbelief

- The Sign
  - Jesus' death and resurrection

## Judgment

- men of Nineveh
  - wickedness, evil ways, violence
- they repented
  - will stand up...with this generation...condemn it

## Judgment

- Queen of the South
  - she came...to listen to Solomon's wisdom
- rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it

## Judgment

- now one greater than Jonah is here
- now one greater than Solomon is here

## Spiritual Ruin

- When an evil spirit comes out...
- it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it
  - I will return to the house I left

## Spiritual Ruin

- It finds the house unoccupied
  - swept clean and put in order
- empty

## Spiritual Ruin

- takes with it seven other spirits
  - more wicked than itself
- they go in and live there

## Spiritual Ruin

- the final condition of that man is worse than the first.
- That is how it will be with this wicked generation.

## Spiritual Ruin

- There is no neutral ground.
  - Who lives in you?

## A Sign

- Unbelief leads to spiritual ruin and condemnation.

## A Sign

- The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that he is the Son of God.
- Put your faith in him and abide in eternal life.