

Jonah – a OT parable

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Challenging our assumptions!



A tale of the unexpected



- The prophet
 - Rebels
 - Runs away
 - Sulks
- The pagans
 - Pray
 - Try to do the right thing
 - Repent
- Rethink easy lines!





Comical!



What kind of sovereign?



- He can control
 - The weather
 - Animals, great & small!
 - Plants
- He never controls
 - People
 - Works with our choices

“That’s not fair!”



- God’s prophet treated harshly
- God’s people treated harshly? (Mal 3:14-15)
- Wicked Nineveh scot-free?
- Ignorance matters
 - Left & right hands (4:11)
 - Jesus (John 9:41)

What's in a Name?



- Yahweh or El?
 - Jonah = Yahweh
 - Sailors = El
 - Ninevites = El
- Jonah's change?
 - The worm that turned!
 - 4:7-9
- It's relational
- It's all relational!

