

## The Greatest Sin

Matthew 12:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

<sup>39</sup> But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. <sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here."

### The Setting

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

What were they 'answering'?

Why seek a sign now – after all the miracles they had seen already?

What's the difference between a 'sign' and a 'miracle'?

<sup>39</sup> But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."

Why does Jesus refuse them?

What does his indictment of them mean? ("An evil an adulterous generation ...")

What is "the sign of the prophet Jonah"?

### The Sign of Jonah

Jonah did not \_\_\_\_\_ a sign. Jonah \_\_\_\_\_ the sign!

Thru \_\_\_\_\_ means (3 days in the belly of the 'great fish'), God – in great mercy – ensures the delivery of a message of hope via \_\_\_\_\_ thru a flawed prophet to an evil people.

Jonah's "resurrected" \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_ that he was God's prophet.

And now Jesus – a far \_\_\_\_\_ prophet than Jonah – is here, and a self-righteous people \_\_\_\_\_ to repent.

And even when \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus takes place – His \_\_\_\_\_ – they will still reject Him.

(The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ for our faith.)

### The Queen of Sheba

She traveled hundreds of miles to sit at the feet of Solomon – the wisest of men – and now Jesus – a far \_\_\_\_\_ king than Solomon – is here, and they spurn him and his words.

And every generation that had or will have \_\_\_\_\_ will stand in judgment against the generations that had or will have the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion:

How could Jesus be amid so many and be recognized by so few?

What does that tell us about living in an evil generation?

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
January 26, 2025*

## Sunday, January 26

### 10am Worship

Psalm 103 (Bless The Lord) ..... Choir

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise ..... Charles Uptain  
Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

As For Me And My House

Come Thou Fount

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Reagan Farris  
1 Peter 1:3

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Offering

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Message ..... Paul Thompson  
The Greatest Sign  
Matthew 12:38-42

Come Ye Sinners

Benediction ..... Paul Thompson  
Psalm 16:9-11

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### 5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer ..... Dan Tankersley  
1 John 1:5-10

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

All My Boast Is In Jesus

Behold The Lamb

The Lord Is My Salvation

Corporate Prayer ..... Charles Uptain

Message ..... Paul Thompson  
A Dark Parable  
Matthew 12:43-45

Nothing But The Blood

### Missions Conference 2025

#### Saturday, February 22

9:00 Devotion, Breakfast, & Prayer

10:15 Breakout Session

11:15 Breakout Session

12:00 Lunch

#### Sunday, February 23

8:30 Combined Life Groups: Mission Partner Panel Discussion

10:00 Morning Worship (Speaker: Chuck Lawless)

3:30 Mission Partners Speak to Students During D-Group

5:00 Evening Worship (Speakers: CV Vadavana & Joe Carroll)



Use the QR code to register for the missions conference. Deadline to register is Sunday, February 16. The first 50 to register will receive a free gift bag of resources.

### Mission Trip Opportunity for Spring 2025

Mission Trip: New York City

Date: TBD (April/May)

Purpose: Assisting Steve and Toni Chambers with ministry work for Neighborhood Church.

Team Leader: James Welsh (334) 798-2113

### 1st Friday Men's Breakfast

February 7 | 6am | ROC Lobby

Speaker: Paul Thompson

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Donations will be accepted for breakfast.

### Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, February 2 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

All ladies are invited to gather for a panel discussion and to enjoy sweet fellowship together. This is a great opportunity to get to know and to be known by other women at Calvary.

### Student Super Bowl Fellowship

Sunday, February 9 | 5pm | ROC Lobby

If you don't have other plans and would like to join the students for the fun, all are welcome.

### Student Life Summer Camp

July 21-25 | Completed 6th-12th Grade

Lake Yale Conference Center, Leesburg, FL

Deadline to register and pay \$75 deposit: January 27, 2025

### High School Winter Retreat

February 14-17 | 9th-12th Grade

Shocco Springs | Cost: \$195

Deadline to register: February 2, 2025

### VBS 2025: The Wonder Junction | June 9-13

Howdy, partners! Save the date and saddle up for an unforgettable adventure at the Wonder Junction, where kids will marvel at Jesus and learn to live for His glory! Stay tuned for volunteer and child registration details and pray for how you can volunteer to make an impact this summer!

### I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

#### My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide



# Connect Card

January 26, 2025

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male
- Female

- Married
- Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

## January 26, 2025

### January Missions Spotlight

#### Dare to Hope (Local Missions Partner)

Dare to Hope is a ministry bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to women who are hurting and hopeless due to exploitation. They serve those who are at risk of exploitation and exist to provide spiritual and emotional support as well as practical solutions that foster healing and wholeness for women, leading them from vulnerability to stability. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Dare to Hope, visit [daretohope.net](http://daretohope.net). Prayer needs can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

#### Good Churches (Global Missions Partner)

Good Churches partners with churches and individuals in the USA to support and provide church-based programs that train national, indigenous pastors in strategic cities with massive gospel needs. The aim of Good Churches is to plant good churches efficiently and effectively among the unreached. If you would like to learn more about the work of Good Churches, visit [goodchurches.org](http://goodchurches.org). Pick up a prayer card for prayer needs at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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### THE PEOPLE CAME...

#### January 19

Life Group: 486  
10:00 Worship: 682  
5:00 Worship: 179  
Hispanic Church: 104  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given January 19: \$43,368.90  
Lottie Moon Y-T-D: \$130,626.45

### BIBLE READING PLAN

#### January 26-February 1

- Ex 20-22, Matt 20:1-16
- Ex 23-25, Matt 20:17-34
- Ex 26-28, Matt 21
- Ex 29-30, Matt 22:1-22
- Ex 31-33, Matt 22:23-46
- Ex 34-38, Matt 23:1-22

### CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Chris Miller - loss of father, Dr. Lamar Miller  
The family of Byron Taylor  
The family of Wynell Leonard

### Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
- 10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,  
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
- 5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary  
Childcare for Babies-K3

### Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life  
Groups  
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg  
Grades 1-5, Chapel  
Grades 6-12, Student Room



### I'm New Here

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

### How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to [calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/](http://calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/messages](http://calvarydothan.com/messages).

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....	Senior Pastor	Joyce Alexander.....	Preschool
Charles Uptain.....	Executive Pastor	Zach Daniels.....	Children
Dan Tankersley.....	Discipleship Pastor	Reagan Farris.....	Students
Patrick Lima.....	Worship	Randy Hunt.....	Senior Adults
Tommy Perry.....	Missions		

### STAFF ON CALL

#### Sunday, January 26:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Saturday, February 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

#### Sunday, February 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, February 2

##### 10am

*The (True) Family of God*

Matthew 12:46-50

Message by Paul Thompson

##### 5pm

*Why Did Jesus Speak in Parables?*

Matthew 13:10-17, 34-35

Message by Paul Thompson

*4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?*

**– Romans 2:4**

