

Big Idea:
Life's greatest purpose is to point to Christ.



-- v. 39 – Jesus gives the reason as to why that generation was so wicked: *“An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign.”*

-- The ATTITUDE of the heart is the heart of the matter.

- Rather than repent and believe, these religious leaders were sending up smokescreens.
- Considering all the miracles that Jesus had performed in their midst, how could they possibly demand another?
- Their demand for a sign was an insincere inquiry from an unrepentant hearts.
- Even in the face of wickedness and hypocrisy, there is grace from God in the Sign of Jonah.

-- v. 39b-40 – What is the “Sign of Jonah?”

- Jonah emerged as if from the dead with a **MESSAGE** about judgment, repentance, and the hope of salvation.
- The sign of Jonah is the picture of a resurrection from the Lord that proclaims salvation in the Lord.
 - Luke 11:30 (parallel account) – *“For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.”*
 - Even as Jonah’s resurrection proclaimed salvation to Nineveh, Christ’s resurrection proclaims the prospect salvation unto everyone who believes.
 - Thus, the sign of Jonah is that the death and resurrection of God’s messenger will result in salvation by faith.

-- Application: The most important aspect of your life is the manner in which and the degree to which it **POINT** to Christ.

-- In taking the Lord's Supper we point to Christ by proclaiming His death and resurrection (1 Corinthians 11:26, Jonah 2:9).