

# Swallowed Up In Jonah

*“Overlooked Lessons from the book of Jonah”*

(Jonah 1-4)

- Introduction:
1. The book of Jonah is probably one of the most well-known books of the Bible.
  2. Because it contains an incredible miracle, it has captured our attention and imagination.
  3. But in the midst of this book that contains this great miracle, there are some valuable lessons that are often overlooked due to the more obvious lessons contained therein.
  4. In this sermon, we will attempt to bright to light some of these often overlooked lessons from this great book.

## I. The Great God We Serve

- A. (Jonah 1:2; 2:10; 4:11).
- B. The book of Jonah is not a book about a “great fish,” it’s a book about a “Great God!”
- C. He is a gracious God who loves the vilest of sinners.
- D. (Romans 5:8; 2 Peter 3:9).
- E. God’s perspective is different and he sees compassion and love when maybe we can only see vengeance.

## II. Disobedience Makes Things Harder

- A. (Jonah 1:3; 3:3).
- B. How much easier would our lives be if we hadn’t stopped following God?
- C. (Proverbs 13:15).
- D. (Isaiah 55:9-10).

## III. Trust in the Power of God’s Word

- A. (Jonah 3:5-9; 4:2).
- B. While Jonah had a terrible attitude, he didn’t doubt God or the power of his word.
- C. (Romans 1:16).

## IV. Our Sin Drags Others Down With Us

- A. (Jonah 1:12).
- B. Our sins often entangle others as well.
- C. (Romans 14:7).

- Conclusion:
1. May these lessons that sometimes get “swallowed up” in the book of Jonah cause us to turn from our sins, and turn to the Great God of Heaven!
  2. God is calling you today. Will you attempt to flee or heed his call?