

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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by Dr. Brian Russell, Asbury Seminary.

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The Pharisees asked for a sign. Had Jesus already shown many signs? What kind of sign do you think they were expecting Jesus to demonstrate? ([Matthew 12:38](#); [Matthew 4:17-11:1](#))

Jesus' new sign would not be what they expected. How is the sign of Jonah a metaphor for what Jesus was going to do for both Jew, and Gentile? ([Matthew 12:39-40](#); [Jonah 3:1-10](#))

What city, responding to the preaching of Jonah, would at the judgement condemn the generation hearing the gospel of the Kingdom spoken by Jesus, the Son of God? ([Matthew 12:41](#))

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When the demon returns after the house (*soul*) has been swept clean *and unoccupied*, why might there be room for many more demons to take up residence in this soul? With what should the house (*soul*) be filled? ([Matthew 12:43-45](#); [Acts 9:17](#); [James 1:22-25](#))

Why do you think Jesus’ mother and (step) brothers wanted to speak to him? ([Matthew 12:46-47](#))

What was Jesus’ reply? ([Matthew 12:48](#))

Was he disowning his family or making some other point? ([John 2:1-5](#); [John 19:25-27](#))

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