



“Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.” – Jn 6:26

THE SIGN OF JONAH

“An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” — Matt 12:39

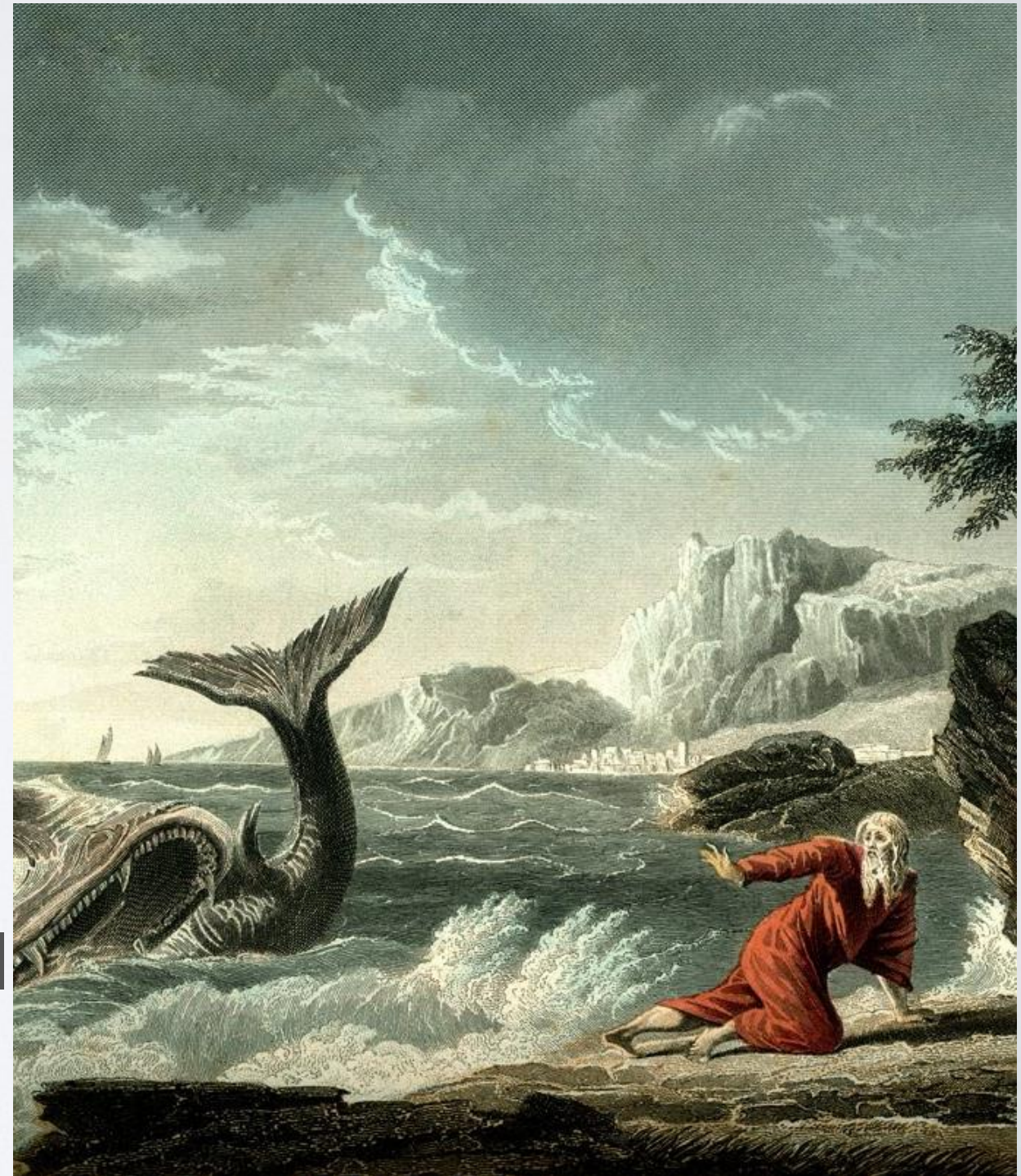
1. SENT TO PREACH TO THE GENTILES

- Nineveh was not among the chosen people
- Lk. 2:32 – “A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”
- Matt. 12:18 – “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.”



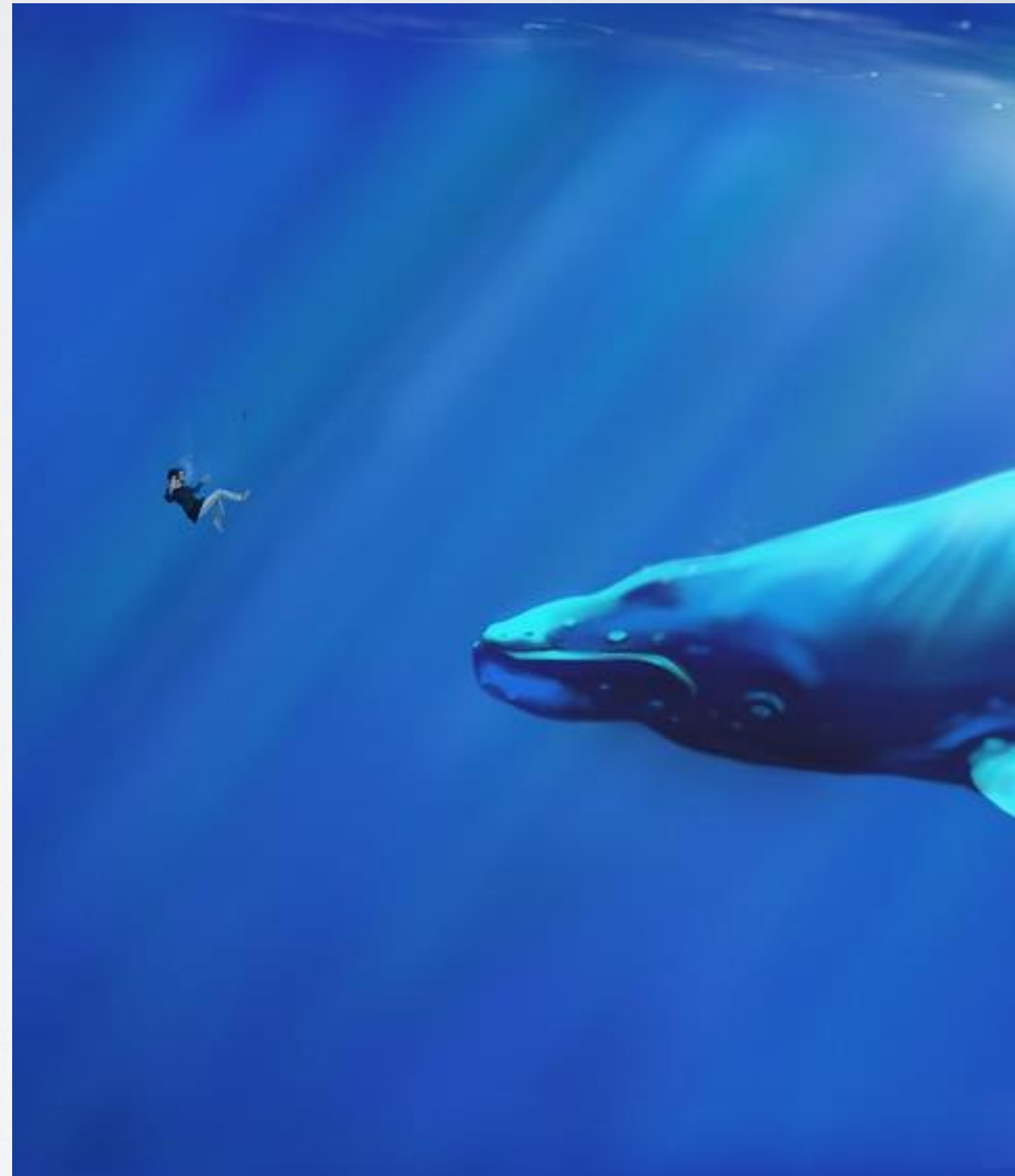
2. SENT TO PREACH THE SAME MESSAGE

- Matt. 4:17 – “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”
- Jon. 2:4,9 – “Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple... But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.’”



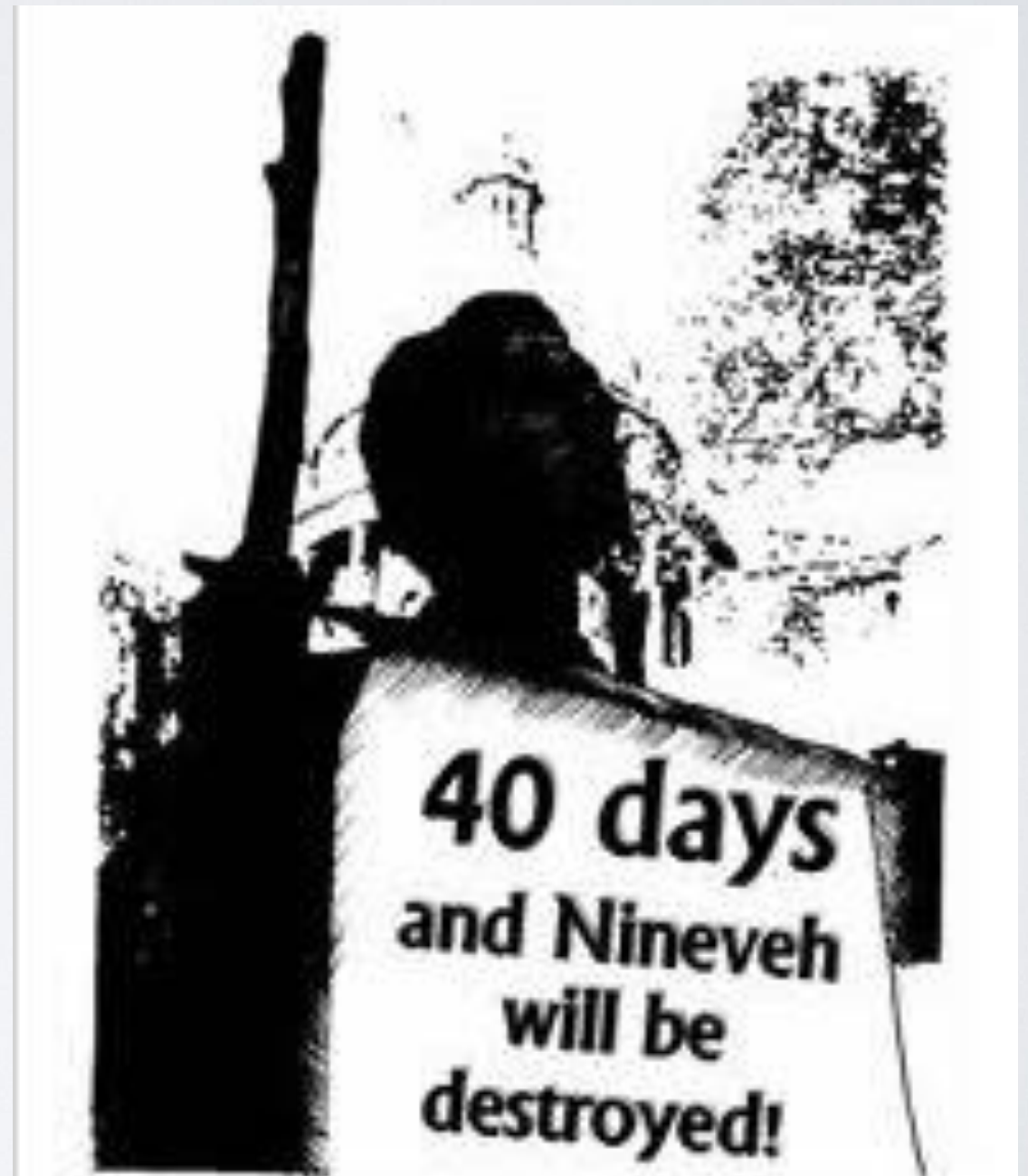
3. ENTERED INTO THE DEEP

- Jon. 2:2 – “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.”
- Eph. 4:9-10 – “...He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.”
- “*He descended into Hades through the cross.*” (Liturgy of St. Basil)



4. PREACHED A MESSAGE OF SALVATION

- Matt. 18:11 – “For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.”
- Jonah’s message of salvation



5. NEITHER CAME TO DESTROY

- Why did Jonah refuse to go to Nineveh?
- Jn. 12:47-48 – “...for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.”



WHAT HAPPENED IN NINEVEH?

1. They did not ask for a sign
2. They repented collectively
3. They fasted collectively
4. Took ownership of sins



TAKING OWNERSHIP OF SINS

- Adam and Eve
 - Gen. 3:12 — “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”
 - Gen. 3:13 — “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
- 2 Cor. 5:21 — “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

SUMMARY

- What is the sign of Jonah?
 1. Sent to preach the Gentiles
 2. Sent to preach the same message
 3. Entered into the deep
 4. Preached a message of salvation
 5. Neither came to destroy
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