

Whispers in the Darkness
The Reluctant Prophet Pt 1
Jonah 1-2

A Real Place and a Real Time

- A Real _____
- A Real _____
- A _____ Big Fish
- A Real _____

A _____ Prophet

A _____ Crew

A Real _____

God's _____

The Real _____

My Response:

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Weekly Memory Verse: "And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights." Jonah 1:17

Why are we reluctant to believe stories like this that put the supernatural power of God on display? Why do we think we need a human answer to the workings of the Creator?

How would you feel if God called you today to "arise and go" to the person or people you like the least in life? People who may have persecuted or made fun of you? Would you go?

Be still a minute and think about what it must have been like for Jonah during those three days. Do you think Paul's experience after the Damascus road (3 days blind) was a similar experience?

Why do you think the prophet tells his story in a combination of third and first person narratives? What impact does it have?

Read Psalms 18, 30, 42, 69, 88. What echos of these psalms do you hear in Jonah's prayer in chapter 2?

Read Matthew 12:38-42. How does Jesus use Jonah's story as a picture of His own?