



# The Harvest

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## The Sign of Jonah and the Passover Connection

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### START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

### MAIN VERSES

[Matthew 12:38-41](#)

[Matthew 16:1-4](#)

[Luke 11:29-32](#)

[Jonah 1-3:2](#)

### OVERVIEW

In our previous teachings we discovered that Yeshua, The Lamb of God, was crucified, died, and then was buried on Friday, Nissan the 15th before sunset. We also noted that He rose on the 3rd day corresponding to Sunday, Nissan the 17th in fulfillment of First Fruits. The reoccurring question among many believers who do not understand the 1st century cultural Jewish context is, how do we reconcile this with the sign of Jonah being 3 full days and 3 full nights in the belly of the whale? In order for Jesus to fulfill the sign of Jonah, wouldn't He need to be in the grave 72 hours? Our interpretation only has him in the grave for approximately 40 hours; from around 3pm Friday until around 5 am on Sunday. How do we reconcile this apparent contradiction? In today's teaching we will solve this dilemma in a satisfying and credible way!

### CONTENT

[Read Matthew 12:38-41; Matthew 16:1-4; and Luke 11:29-32](#)

*[What was the sign of Jonah? How did this foreshadow Yeshua? How long is days and 3 nights?](#)*

The sign of Jonah was his death and resurrection over a three day period of time. Jonah was thrown over into a raging sea in the midst of a storm. That would have killed him, but a mammoth whale swallowed him for a meal. He dies in the stomach of the whale. During all of this, he cries out to the Lord. On the third day, the whale vomits up his corpse on the shore of the sea. It is there that God speaks and commands his

resurrection. When the Word of the Lord came to him, he rose up and came to life. This foreshadowed Yeshua's suffering death and resurrection. It too was over three days and three nights. Keep in mind that Jews counted time inclusively, meaning any part of a day or night was considered a full day or night. So, from his suffering, death, and burial on Friday of Passover week until His resurrection on Sunday morning the third day, you would have (in Jewish time reckoning) three days and three nights.

## TAKE ACTION

Start planning now to be in or facilitate a Passover seder! It is more important than ever that we band together in brotherly love, unity, hospitality, and encouragement to not forsake the assembly, as we celebrate Passover in our homes. Even if you are just getting together with one other family from the community, do it! If you've been invited to a Seder, go! If you have not, host one! Let us celebrate the sacrifice of our Messiah together! If you are unsure about how to host a Passover seder you can click on the visit our spring festival page for helpful resources!

Spring Festivals 2021: <http://www.graftedin.com/passover-week-2021>