“An Unexpected Pardon”
Jonah 3

“And the people of Ninevah believed God…”
Jonah 3:5a

In Jonah 1:1-2 we see the Unmistakable Calling of God
In Jonah 1:3 we see an Inexcusable Flight
In Jonah 1:4-17 we see the Delivering God
In Jonah 2 we see A Prophet’s Prayer
In Jonah we see the unexpected pardon of God in…

1. The renewal of the message, messenger and mission. (v.1)

2. A messenger that was marked. (vs.1,3)
   • God’s work leaves a mark – Gen. 32:31-32; 2 Cor. 5:17
   • God does not send a message without a messenger – Acts 1:8

3. A mission that was divine. (vs.2-4)
   • Divine mandate – Matt. 28:18-20
   • Divine message – Acts 3:19

4. A message that was received. (vs. 5-9)

5. A granting of mercy! (v.10) – Jonah 2:9; Titus 2:11-15

The message contained…

No promise of pardon (v. 4)
No rescue for the repentant – Luke 11:32

The receiving of the message is seen in three key actions

• Ninevites had receptive hearts – Gen 19:14; Acts 8:36-38
• The Ninevites bore the fruit of repentance – Matt. 3:8
• The Ninevites hoped for God’s compassion (v.9)