GRACE NOTES

Series: JONAH
Message: **The Gospel according to Jonah**
Scripture: Jonah 1:17-2:10; Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 12:38-41
Date: Sunday, August 28, 2016

Jonah 1:17-2:10 --

1. It is only after being swallowed by the great fish that Jonah prays.

2. Jonah understands that he is where he is by his choice and God's sovereignty.

3. Jonah expresses gratitude for his immediate salvation hope that his deliverance will be complete.

4. Ironically, Jonah acknowledges the underserved mercy he was shown by the Lord, a mercy he feared would also be shown to the undeserving Ninevites.

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
(Mark 4:35-41)

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. (Matthew 12:38-41)