## "The Signs that Matter"

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- 1. Intro
  - a. Today, maybe more than ever before, we live in a world that is constantly seeking signs from heaven
    - i. There are MANY who are on the lookout for PROPHETICAL signs...
      - 1. Signs that will help us to know more clearly when the return of Jesus might come
        - a. With all of the increasing focus on Israel, MANY are wondering... is this a sign that the end is at hand?
          - i. And so we have people all over the internet tracking the potential rebuilding of the Temple
            - 1. As they monitor what pieces of the Temple might be already built, and where they might be hidden...
            - 2. Or how all of the red heifers are doing in Israel, with all of the bombing recently
              - At the heart of all of this is the desire to seek after the PROPHETIC signs that will point toward the return of Christ
      - 2. But there is also an increasing push for MIRACULOUS signs, aren't there?
        - a. Speaking in tongues, prophetic ministries, healing and deliverance conferences...
          - i. The emphasis on these things seems to be gaining traction within the church today
            - 1. As many who are pursuing these things claim that these are the signs that we are now living in the days of the "latter rains," as prophesied in the book of Joel
              - a. And so, if that is TRUE, then we should be seeking after MORE of these signs
              - b. For again, these are signs that are pointing toward the immanent return of Christ
      - 3. With the advent of the internet, and the ability to watch countless different videos and countless different teachings on these things, you could EASILY get caught up in the ENDLESS seeking after signs
        - a. So it is of utmost importance to us today that rather than getting swept away by every wind and wave of various doctrines on YouTube,
          - i. We instead look to the Scriptures
            - 1. And we ask the question, what did Jesus have to say about these things?
              - a. I pray that we can come to an answer to that question,
                 as we look at our passage for this morning, Luke 11:29-32...

- 2. Luke 11:29-32
  - a. <sup>29</sup>When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup>For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is

here. <sup>32</sup>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."

- 3. So, the first question we might ask as we read this passage is this... What is so evil about seeking for signs?
  - a. Jesus says in Luke 11:29...
    - i. <sup>29</sup>When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah..."
      - 1. Why would Jesus say that? Why would he speak so harshly about seeking for a sign?
        - a. Well, one of the first reasons why Jesus comes down so harshly on them is the immediate context here in Luke chapter 11
          - Last week we learned about how Jesus affirmed his mother's blessedness, AS WELL AS the blessedness of ALL who hear the word of God and keep it
          - ii. The week before, we learned from Jesus about the actions and motives of unclean spirits
          - iii. And THREE weeks ago, we saw Jesus cast out a mute demon from a man
            - 1. Now this is one of the downfalls of going verse-by-verse, or passage-by-passage, each Sunday morning...
              - a. There is a possibility of losing the overall flow of multiple passages at once
              - And there is a possibility of not even realizing that all of these things we've talked about the past four weeks – including this morning...
                - i. Likely happened within the span of less than an hour on one day
        - b. With that in mind, look at the passage beginning with verse 14...
          - i. Jesus had just cast out the demon from the man...
            - 1. Some marveled at what he had done
            - 2. Some accused him of doing these things in the power of Beelzebul
            - 3. But verse 16 says that others, TO TEST HIM, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven
              - a. And so he then teaches them that whoever is not with him is against him
              - And those who are with him are NOT those who continue to test him and question his identity and motives
                - But instead, they are those who realize that the Kingdom of God had come upon them
                - ii. And as a result, they hear Jesus' words as the very words of God himself, and they choose to KEEP his words
      - 2. But as more people began to show up, looking for more and more signs,
        - a. Jesus rebukes them all
          - i. Why???
            - 1. Because their hunger for more signs betrayed their unbelief in the Son of God!

- a. It wasn't enough for them to see the man standing before them who had once been mute because of the demon...
  - i. Now speaking for all to hear
- It wasn't enough for them that Jesus had totally refuted their logic that he must be doing these things through the power of Satan
- c. It wasn't enough that Jesus had CONCLUSIVELY shown that this must be from God
- ii. They needed MORE signs... MORE proof... MORE evidence that Jesus really was who he said he was
- b. Their relentless demand for signs betrayed their UNBELIEF in the Son of God
- 3. This was a pattern that we've already seen developing in the people of Israel
  - a. Awhile back, when we looked at the feeding of the 5000, we linked that to John chapter 6, when the great crowds followed him the next morning to Capernaum...
    - i. AFTER he had taught for many hours about the Kingdom of God...
    - ii. AFTER he had healed the sick...
    - iii. AFTER he had fed possibly well over 10,000 people, including the women and children...
      - 1. This same crowd comes to Jesus after ALL that, and they say to him in John 6:30...
        - a. "What sign do YOU do, that we may see and believe you?"
          - i. REALLY???
          - ii. After ALL that you heard and saw and experienced, you STILL ask me to show you a sign, so THEN you might believe???
  - b. Once again, their relentless demand for signs betrayed their UNBELIEF in the Son of God
    - i. This generation is an EVIL generation... they seek for more and more signs, because they do not believe ME
- ii. But Jesus does tell them that they will see ONE sign, doesn't he?
  - 1. No sign will be given to this generation except the sign of Jonah
- 4. So then, we have to ask, what is "the sign of Jonah"?
  - a. Jesus goes on in verse 30 and says,
    - i. <sup>30</sup>For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.
      - 1. Now, what's interesting is that Luke DOES NOT include the expected additional content regarding Jonah here, does he?
        - a. The more familiar version of this passage is found in Matthew 12:39-42
          - i. In that passage, after Jesus says, "no sign will be given to this generation except the sign of the prophet Jonah,"
            - 1. He then says in verse 40, <sup>40</sup>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.
        - b. That makes it a whole lot easier, doesn't it?
          - i. Clearly, Jesus is pointing ahead to his death and burial and his resurrection on the third day

- 1. So, it's easy for us to interpret Matthew's passage
  - a. The Israelites wanted more signs... GREAT
  - Jesus would give them the most powerful sign of all his resurrection from the dead!
- 2. So why would Luke not include something as pivotal as THE RESURRECTION in his account of this event?
  - a. Well, if we say that maybe he just missed that detail as he was gathering up all his source material, then that begins to undermine the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in Luke's writing, doesn't it?
    - i. How can the Holy Spirit quote/unquote, "miss" something???
  - b. Or if we say that Luke was actually in error about how he recorded it or maybe it was MATTHEW who made the mistake...
    - i. Well then that undermines the inerrancy of ALL the Scriptures
      - 1. If one of the four GOSPEL writers got something wrong, what else might be wrong in the Bible???
- 3. So what we're left with then, is that Luke must have had A REASON for not including the allusion to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus in his Gospel
- b. And here's my thought on what his reason might have been
  - i. Remember, Luke's Gospel was originally a two-part letter to his friend Theophilus, whom Luke was wanting to be more certain in the things he had been taught
    - 1. The first letter would have been this Gospel, and the second letter would have been the book of Acts
      - a. Between these two MASSIVE letters combined, Luke is going to give AMPLE evidence of Jesus' resurrection from the dead
        - i. In other words, Luke will fully elaborate on that "sign" throughout the rest of his writings
          - 1. So, he certainly IS NOT sidelining the resurrection as a LESSER event
    - 2. But what he highlights INSTEAD of focusing on Jonah's time in the belly of the great fish, is Jonah's PREACHING afterwards in Ninevah
      - a. More specifically, THE RESULT OF Jonah's preaching in Ninevah
        - i. Let's put verses 30 and 32 together...
          - 1. <sup>30</sup>For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. <sup>32</sup>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.
    - 3. So, what was the result of Jonah's preaching in Nineveh?
      - a. They repented, didn't they?
    - 4. And why was the repentance of the Ninevites so incredibly staggering in the days of Jonah?
      - a. Because the Ninevites were GENTILES
        - i. And not just GENTILES... the Ninevites were some of THE WORST of the Gentiles
          - They were ardent worshipers of Ishtar, the ancient fertility goddess
          - 2. They were known for being absolutely brutal in their treatment of their enemies

- 3. And they would eventually be God's instrument in bringing about His punishment of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, for their idolatrous ways
- 5. And yet, when Jonah finally got to Ninevah after his short detour in the belly of the great fish...
  - a. And when he began to go throughout this large and powerful city, proclaiming this message,
    - i. "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"
      - 1. The Scriptures tell us that, from the greatest to the least of them, ALL the Ninevites repented
    - ii. And in Jonah 3, this decree is given by the King of Ninevah himself:
      - 1. <sup>7</sup>"By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup>but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."
    - iii. And verse 10 tells us that God did INDEED relent, for the people had turned from their evil way
      - 1. God showed INCREDIBLE mercy to some of the worst of the Gentiles centuries before,
        - a. Because they repented at the preaching of Jonah
- 6. So who was Luke writing this letter to?
  - a. Theophilus... a GENTILE
    - i. Now, if YOU were Theophilus, a GENTILE, and Luke just highlighted in this passage the repentance of the Ninevites, MORE Gentiles...
      - 1. Wouldn't you immediately want to run to your nearest synagogue to find a copy of the scroll of Jonah?
      - 2. Wouldn't you immediately want to find out more about the MERCY that God showed to these "worst of the worst"?
      - 3. Wouldn't you be in awe as you saw that God was willing to show AMAZING grace to those OUTSIDE of Israel?
- ii. I believe that Luke, writing to his Gentile friend, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, saw an opportunity here to highlight God's heart for the Gentiles, which was revealed through Jesus Christ
  - 1. This was no accidental omission... it wasn't a sloppy copying mistake
    - a. Luke was being intentional to highlight the fact that if this was the effect upon the Gentiles as a result of the RELUCTANT preaching of Jonah...
      - i. Then how much GREATER will the effect be now that one GREATER than Jonah is here?!
        - Our focus in this life, Theophilus, is not to try to seek after more and more signs that might prove that Jesus is who he says he is...
          - a. Our focus is to listen to the things that he preached... and REPENT
      - ii. This is what Luke wanted Theophilus to see

- And this is what the people of Israel missed, as they were too busy chasing after signs to actually stop and hear the preaching of Jesus
  - a. And therefore, they DID NOT repent
- iii. Now, just a side note... think about the glimpse into eternity that Jesus gives us here verse 32
  - 1. When the Day of Judgment comes, and the believers are separated from the unbelievers
    - a. Over here... on the believers' side...
      - i. Will of course be the Apostles and the Prophets
        - 1. But there will also be the Augustine's, the Martin Luther's, the Billy Graham's
        - 2. There will also be the normal, everyday saints, just like you and me
        - 3. But there will ALSO be the people who were living in Ninevah on the day that Jonah walked into town
          - a. For they heard the word of God... and they KEPT it
            - i. Now THAT is one of the most powerful displays of the grace of God in all of the Scriptures!
- 5. But according to this passage, there will be one more person on this side... the queen of the South
  - a. Jesus says in verse 31...
    - i. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.
  - b. In 1 Kings chapter 10, we learn of this queen of the South, who was known then as the queen of Sheba
    - i. Go ahead and turn to 1 Kings 10 in your Bible I want us all to see what she had to say
      - 1. We don't know exactly who this queen of Sheba was
        - a. Some commentators believe she was the queen of Ethiopia, or maybe even Egypt
        - b. Other commentators believe she was an Arabian queen, possibly the queen of modern-day Yemen
          - But, don't miss the fact that she also... just like the men of Ninevah, was a GENTILE
            - 1. A Gentile who will stand in judgment AGAINST the generation of Israelites that Jesus was talking to
    - ii. Well this queen of Sheba had heard all about the wisdom of King Solomon, and 1 Kings 10 tells us that she actually came to TEST Solomon...
      - 1. To see if he really was as wise as everyone said he was
        - a. And the Scriptures tell us that she was absolutely IN AWE, not just of his incomparable wisdom, but also of all his glorious riches
      - 2. And so, she proclaimed in verses 6-9.
        - a. <sup>6</sup>"The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, <sup>7</sup>but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. <sup>8</sup>Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! <sup>9</sup>Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of

Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."

- 3. The gueen of Sheba had all of these wonderful things to say about Solomon
  - a. She marveled at HIS wisdom
    - i. But again, the point that Jesus was making is that someone truly GREATER than Solomon was now here
      - And if Solomon's wisdom was something to be marveled at, then how much more should all the crowds standing around Jesus have been marveling as well
        - a. Now there were some that were marveling, as we saw back in Luke 11:14
    - ii. But many of them were questioning his source of power
    - iii. And many just wanted him to give them more signs
      - 1. Because they DID NOT believe that he was who he said he was
- iii. How much different would it have been if the people wouldn't have been seeking after signs?
  - 1. How much different would it have been if they had responded to Jesus the way that the queen of Sheba responded to Solomon
    - a. Listen again to her words in 1 Kings 10, and just imagine the people of Israel saying these things to Jesus...
      - i. Instead of saying, "What other signs will you show us to prove who you really are..."
      - ii. They instead say,
        - 1. "The report was true that we heard in my own village of your words and of your wisdom, <sup>7</sup>but we did not believe the reports until we came and our own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told to us! Your wisdom surpasses the report that we heard. <sup>8</sup>Happy are your disciples! Happy are your followers, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom!

          <sup>9</sup>Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."
    - b. How amazing would it have been if they had responded in that way?
      - I can guarantee you one thing if they had responded in THAT way, then they most certainly would have received a blessing from Jesus, rather than a rebuke
        - 1. For they would have known who was standing before them
        - 2. They would have repented in sackcloth and ashes like the men of Ninevah
        - 3. And they would have hung on his every word like the queen of the South
          - a. But sadly, that was not the case
            - i. And therefore, Jesus said, "This generation is an evil generation, because all they want is a bunch of signs..."
- 6. Now, it would be easy for us to try to back our way out of any kind of application here
  - a. We COULD look at this passage and say,

- i. "This is all well and good, but Jesus is just talking to THAT generation. It was the Israelites in THOSE days who were just chasing after signs and rejecting him... that's why he said, 'THIS generation is an evil generation...'"
- b. The problem is, Jesus will have a very similar conversation later on in his ministry
  - i. In Matthew 16, verses 1-4, the Pharisees and Sadducees again come to Jesus, asking him to show them a sign from heaven
    - 1. But Jesus instead replies to them...
      - a. <sup>2</sup>"When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' <sup>3</sup>And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup>An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.
    - 2. Unless you were listening very carefully, you might have missed it...
      - a. Here in Matthew 16, Jesus didn't say, "THIS evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign...'
        - i. He instead said, "AN evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign..."
      - b. In Luke 11, we have a very specific indictment against the Israelites who rejected Jesus and sent him to the cross... because of their unbelief
        - i. But here in Matthew 16, the indictment is broadened to include ANY generation who seeks for a sign
          - For ANY generation that is consumed with seeking after signs, INSTEAD OF SEEKING AFTER THE ONE THE SIGNS ARE POINTING TO, is an evil and adulterous generation
            - a. That applied to the people of Israel who rejected Jesus in his day
            - b. That applies to the people who reject Jesus all around the world TODAY
  - ii. ANY generation that is seeking after signs, or craving signs, or getting obsessed with signs is an evil generation
    - 1. This word that Jesus uses for evil can also mean diseased
      - a. It is literally like a cancer eating away at someone's body
        - i. If you think about our context today, that is actually a perfect illustration
          - 1. Think about the churches, or the pastors, or the congregations that are known for constantly seeking after signs either prophetic signs, or miraculous signs, or sometimes even both
          - 2. These are the churches and individuals that unfortunately tend to get most of the spotlight out in the world
            - a. They're the ones with the YouTube videos of their church services being filled with chaos...
              - i. People screaming all sorts of unintelligible gibberish...
              - ii. Men and women writhing uncontrollably on the floor...
              - iii. People literally sprinting around the auditorium
            - b. All of this is DURING the church service
              - i. And ALL of it comes out of a desire to see new SIGNS from heaven

- ii. I say this completely unapologetically, these churches are a cancer on the body of Christ
  - Paul warns of this type of chaotic behavior in 1 Corinthians, when he says to them, "What if, God forbid, an unbeliever comes into your gathering and sees all of this ridiculousness?"
    - a. Can you imagine what Paul would say if he could see how these videos are now getting hundreds of thousands of views, each and every year?
- 2. Or think about those pastors who always seem to get the spotlight with their prophetic words for our days
  - a. They're the ones on the news saying things like
    - i. "The recent wildfires in California are a SIGN FROM GOD against all the wickedness that comes out of Hollywood..." OR
    - ii. "This nation over here aligning with that nation over there is a SIGN FROM GOD that the end is near..." OR
    - iii. "This feast falling on this specific day, on this specific year, is a SIGN FROM GOD that He's getting ready to open the doors of heaven and pour out His blessing upon the faithful..."
      - These kinds of statements become a cancer on the body of Christ
      - 2. Because, in the world's eyes, all the church REALLY cares about is chasing after signs, rather than chasing after the One the signs point to
        - a. Instead of repenting at the preaching of Jesus, we'd rather spend our days making prophetic charts about the end times, and debating over what all the numbers in the Bible are pointing to
        - b. Instead of listening to the wisdom of Jesus, we'd rather spend our time listing to the countless experts on the internet who are trying to figure out exactly what Jesus told us we CAN'T figure out
- iii. Craving after signs is the sign of an evil generation
- iv. And as Jesus said in Matthew 16, craving after signs is the sign of an adulterous generation
  - 1. For anytime ANYTHING takes the place of Jesus, his bride is committing adultery
    - a. When the church chases after money and power, she has become the adulterous bride
    - b. When the church chases after fame and popularity, she has become the adulterous bride
    - c. And when the church chases after signs, whether they are prophetic signs or miraculous signs, she has become the adulterous bride
  - 2. Brothers and sisters in Christ, our all-consuming passion in this life should be Christ... and Christ ALONE
    - a. We don't need to chase after miraculous signs from heaven,
      - Because he has already given you the greatest sign you could possibly see
        - 1. And that is the sign of the cross!
      - ii. This is what Paul affirms for us in 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, when he says,
        - 1. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to

Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- iii. Now, CAN God still perform miraculous signs and wonders in our world today?
  - 1. Absolutely He can!
    - a. But that's not the message we preach
    - b. That's not what we chase after with our lives
    - c. We preach Christ crucified. PERIOD.
  - 2. We preach THAT sign of Jonah, that just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so also Christ died on the cross, was buried in the tomb, and on the third day was resurrected back to life!
- v. But we also don't have to spend our days chasing after prophetic signs from heaven either, because Jesus has already told us everything we need to know
  - 1. In Matthew 24, and Mark 13, and Luke 21, the disciples point to the Temple, and they say to Jesus, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"
    - a. Jesus, clearly not impressed, tells them that a day is coming when all of it will be torn down, and there will not be one stone left on top of another
      - i. In each of these 3 Gospels, the disciples then ask Jesus "When will these happen, and what will be THE SIGN when they are about to take place?"
    - b. As we talked about last Wednesday night, Jesus then follows a prophetic pattern that is seen many times in the Bible...
      - i. Where a prophecy can refer both to the immediate context AND a greater context
        - 1. And so Jesus prophetically warns them of the coming destruction of Jerusalem, which happened in 70AD
        - 2. But he also uses language that clearly points to a time that we are still waiting for
          - a. And he gives us plenty of signs of his return and the end of the age
            - i. False christs and false prophets...
            - ii. Wars and rumors of wars...
            - iii. Famines and earthquakes...
            - iv. A growing persecution against the church...
            - v. And don't miss this one a rise in signs and wonders meant to DECEIVE the church...
  - 2. So what we see from Jesus' words are two clear principles...
    - a. First, signs CANNOT be trusted in the last days
      - i. And therefore, it is exceedingly dangerous to chase after them
    - b. And second, we are undeniably IN the last days, so we don't NEED to chase after prophetic signs
      - i. Do we see false christs and false prphets in our world today? Yep.
      - ii. Do we see wars and hear of rumors of wars. More and more every week, right?

- iii. Do we hear of widespread famines and earthquakes? If you pay attention to the news you know that we do?
- iv. Is the church increasingly seeing persecution around the world? Yes we are... and I think we'll be seeing it VERY soon ever here in the US
- c. And is there a rise in signs and wonders that is meant to deceive the church... and to be a cancer upon the body of Christ?
  - i. That is most assuredly ALREADY here
- c. Friends, I can say this with 100% certainty, we ARE in the last days
  - i. And I can say that with full certainty, because PAUL said it with FULL certainty, nearly two thousand years ago
    - 1. In 2 Timothy 3, he warned Timothy that in the last days, people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power
      - a. And then he says to Timothy, "AVOID SUCH PEOPLE"
        - i. The last days didn't start with World War 1 or the rise of Hitler or the current attacks on the political nation-state of Israel
        - ii. The last days began when Christ left this earth, and said to his people, "Be ready for my return"
  - ii. So, how do we stay ready for his return?
    - 1. Well, like the men of Ninevah, we repent when we are confronted with the Word of God
      - a. We allow it to cut us and wound as and rebuke us and correct us
        - i. Because that is the way that God refines us more into the likeness of His Son
    - 2. And then, like the queen of the South, we marvel at Jesus' wisdom, and we devote the rest of our lives to learning his wisdom from the Word of God, and living it out by the Spirit of God
      - a. As Paul encouraged Timothy in light of the last days that they were in,
        - i. <sup>14</sup> ...as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
  - iii. Brothers and sisters, an evil and adulterous generation chases after signs
    - 1. But as for you... you chase after the One that ALL the signs point to