



Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>(2)</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>(3)</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. <sup>(4)</sup> On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." <sup>(5)</sup> The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>(6)</sup> When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>(7)</sup> Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat

or drink. <sup>(8)</sup> But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>(9)</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." <sup>(10)</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways; he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. **Jonah 3**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>(15)</sup> **"The time has come,"** he said. **"The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"** <sup>(16)</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>(17)</sup> **"Come, follow me,"** Jesus said, **"and I will make you fishers of men."** <sup>(18)</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>(19)</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>(20)</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. **Mark 1:14-20**



***My Notes for Sunday on 22 January 2012:***