

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

PRAY

1. In Today's reading we have a prophet who said NO to God. **WHY** (we're gonna find out)

- God calls him to preach Repentance to Ninevah – Cruel Assyrians
- He runs away – exact opposite direction
- Storm, Crew tosses him - Swallowed by Nassau Grouper
- Dumped on beach of Ninevah

Today's reading start on the beach

2. Jonah @ Nineveh – “Repent” (Same as John the B. – Same as Jesus)

So why does the Church have us hear this message today? We Need It!

We sin – we all do – and God wants us to come back to him.

What dark corner of your heart have you kept from light of Christ?

- We come to Church
- We call ourselves Christian
- We sing
- AND WE SIN

We need to hear God call us to repentance – calling us home

3. In today's Gospel we have Jesus calling “Repent and believe the Good News”

Different from Jonah “Repent, in 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed”

Jesus says “Repent and believe the Good News”

Jesus brings Good News – what is that? Forgiveness

Jonah couldn't promise forgiveness – he wasn't God

But Jonah knew God was merciful

AND THAT IS WHY HE SAID NO TO GOD

He didn't want Ninevah to be forgiven

But he knew God's nature – slow to anger & full of compassion

Jesus says “The kingdom of God is at hand”.

NOT It's coming, NOT It's almost here – Jesus says “this is it”

The reign of God is here! Right now, Right Here!

4. Others preach the Good News - **But Jesus IS the Good News**

- THIS SAME GOOD NEWS IS OURS – THIS IS OUR FAITH
- The reality is that God loves us & yearns to forgive our sin

We can be Nineveh - forgiven

This same call to repentance is ours with Forgiveness & Reconciliation

But first comes repentance - a changed heart.

Man on the T announced his engagement to the entire train

LOVE FROM THE HEART HAD FOUND A RESPONSE

AND HE COULDN'T KEEP STILL ABOUT IT can we keep still about love of Christ?

- We're called to be James & John, Simon & Andrew
- **Not** called to be rabbis **Not** called to be teachers **Not** called to study
- Called to fish – to catch men → what was their bait? The Truth
 - Salvation comes thru forgiveness of sin