Wie kann ich sicher sein?

CHRIST IS ENOUGH

A. EINLEITUNG

Lukas 11, 29-32

Die Menge drängte sich um Jesus, und er sagte: »Es sind böse Zeiten, und diese verdorbene Generation verlangt ständig Wunder von mir. Doch das einzige Zeichen, das ihnen gegeben wird, ist das Zeichen des Propheten Jona. 30 Was mit ihm geschah, war für die Einwohner Ninives ein Zeichen. Was mit dem Menschensohn geschehen wird, wird das Zeichen für diese Generation sein. 31 Die Königin von Saba wird sich am Tag des Gerichts gegen euch erheben und euch verurteilen, denn sie kam aus einem fremden Land, um die Weisheiten König Salomos zu hören. Und nun ist einer bei euch, der weit größer ist als Salomo - doch ihr weigert euch, auf ihn zu hören. 32 Und auch die Einwohner Ninives werden sich am Tag des Gerichts gegen euch erheben und euch verurteilen, denn sie haben auf Jonas Predigt hin Reue gezeigt. Und nun ist einer bei euch, der weit größer ist als Jona - doch ihr weigert euch zu bereuen.

B. HAUPTTEIL

Jesus had just cast out a demon, yet some who witnessed this called on Him to provide a sign from Heaven.(v16). Actually with yll he had done, that should have been evedent of who he is. But their request of a sign shows that we were expecting something special to happen.

We do not know what exactly the Jews had in mind when they asked for a sign from Heaven. Presumably, what the Jews were looking for was something spectacular. Maybe, they were expecting Jesus to call down some fire from Heaven like Elijah(1König 18) or a divine manesfestation of his presence like in the time of Moses (2 Mose 19)

They had in their mind what Jesus had to show they as a sign to be able to accept him. They were expecting more than what he had done.
Actually the devil did almost the same thing. „if you are the Son of God, then...“ And of course, we know Jesus was and is never moved to proof himself to the world through his signs and wonders.

So he starts addressing this huge crowd gathering before him to see a sign. He uses History to show them a sign.

1. HIS CROSS IS ENOUGH

1.1. SIGN FROM JONA

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<td>1. His mission was to call the gentile Assyrians of Nineveh to repentance and acknowledgement of Yahweh as the source of their salvation [Jonah 1:1; 3:1-2].</td>
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<td>2. He was entombed in the belly of a great fish [Jonah 2:1].</td>
<td>After Jesus' death He was placed in a tomb [Matthew 27:60; Mark 6:29; Luke 23:53].</td>
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<td>4. After his &quot;resurrection&quot; from the belly of the fish, Jonah continued his mission to call the gentile Assyrians to repentance and salvation [Jonah 3:1-3].</td>
<td>4. After His resurrection from the tomb, Jesus continued His mission to found the universal Church and to commission the Apostles to spread the gospel to every nation on earth; it is a mission that continues even after His Ascension [Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:12-20; Luke 24:13-53; Acts chapter 1].</td>
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<td>5. Jonah preached that Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days if the people did not repent [Jonah 3:4].</td>
<td>5. After His resurrection, Jesus taught the New Covenant Church for 40 days before His Ascension [Acts 1:3].</td>
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What Christ was getting across to the skeptics was that, they had heard and read about things which should have opened their eyes to who Christ is.

The second thing he was getting across is that, what happened to Jona was a sign for Sinners in Nineveh and what is going to happen to me will be a Sign for every doubting Person on this earth.
2. HIS GRACE IS ENOUGH

Even though in the Time of Jonah, the people of Nineveh were in Sin and worshiping thier own gods, God almighty gave worked out a plan for their Salvation. He looked for someone to send, he gave someone a message.

This shows the grace of God at work. He is not angry with you but rather wants to bring every heart to the knowledge of Christ.

- He Sends Someone
- He gives a message
- He brings change

His Grace is not there to condemn or judge you but to redeem you from the judgment to come.

3. HIS WORD IS ENOUGH

3.1. THE SIGN OF SOLOMON

- a man who spoke wisdom. People and authorities came from all over the world to listern to his wisdom.
- He was a man of peace: that ist he meaning of his name. As he spoke, people entered into peace.

What Christ was getting across here was the importance of the power in the message. It was a message people wanted to hear, it was life changing wisdom that people yearned for.

Two very important things to note here when the word was spoken by Jonah and by Solomon.

1. They listen
2. They Repented and changed their lives.

C. FINAL

- The cross is the sign that you are forgiven and saved.
- Desire to listen, read or Hear his Word.
- Be receptive to the Word of God.

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Read through the above mentions Passages and explain what it means to you personally.