Antigo Community Church – January 1, 2023

Title: Asleep

Text: Jonah 1:1-5

Matthew 12:39-41

“A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.”

We have two parallel accounts that follow the exact same format:

Chapters 1-2 Chapters 3-4

God’s Word comes to Jonah Go to Nineveh Go to Nineveh

Jonah’s encounter with pagans Sailors Ninevites

Jonah talks with God Belly of a fish Eastern overlook of Nineveh

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:1-5

Nahum 3:1-4

“Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims! The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots! Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, plies of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses – all because of the wanton lust of a harlot, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft.”

“[Assyrian history] is as gory and bloodcurdling a history as we know.”

Jonah is asleep to God’s heart of mercy

Jonah is asleep to his own need for God’s mercy

Jonah is asleep to the needs of those around him