

Someone Greater is Here!

Matthew 12:33-42

Introduction:

- A few times Jesus said to the Pharisees: *Something greater than...is here* (vv. 41,42)
 1. He was referring to H_____.
 2. The Pharisees failed to r_____ this greatness.
- All of Jesus's claims are backed up with s_____ evidence.
 1. Today's study follows the outline of Jn 14:6 in reverse order.
 2. The question we each must consider: *How will I respond?*

Jesus is greater than d_____ – He is the L_____ (38-40)

- The Pharisees wanted Jesus to show them a s_____ to prove Himself.
 1. They had already seen m_____ (aren't these signs?)
 2. They wanted something more v_____ and spectacular like fire from heaven.
 3. Jesus lumped the Pharisees with that e_____ generation for craving for such a sign.
- Jesus gave them the sign of the prophet J_____
 1. Jonah was in the b_____ of the sea creature for three days and three nights (a Hebrew way of saying that it involved three consecutive calendar days). After Jonah repented, God caused the fish to v_____ him up.
 2. Likewise the Son of Man (Jesus) would be in the h_____ of the earth (a Hebrew way of saying dead and buried) for only three days and three nights. Jesus was referring to His r_____.
- The resurrection of Jesus proved that He is greater than d_____.
 1. Rev 11:17b,18 – Jesus is the Living one and has the k_____ of death.
 2. Jn 11:25 – He is the resurrection and the l_____ and will reverse death for all who t_____ in Him.
 3. How will I respond to this One who is greater than death? Will I make Jesus my l_____ (Jesus said, I am the Life).

Jesus is greater than the most effective p_____ – He is the T_____ (41)

- Jesus fast forwards to Judgment Day, when the Pharisees stand before God for their judgment.
 1. The residents of Nineveh who repented at Jonah's preaching would j_____ the Pharisees. The people of Nineveh were not even Jewish, but God s_____ them. They trusted in God (Jonah 3:5).
 2. The Pharisees were Jewish, yet they were e_____ and their teachings were p_____, and so they were to be judged for every careless word (Matt 12:33-37)
- How did Jonah's effectiveness compare to all other prophets?
 1. All other prophets were p_____ by their audience. There was very little positive response to their preaching.
 2. Over _____ people believed in God as a result of Jonah's preaching (Jonah 4:11).
- How is Jesus greater than Jonah?
 1. Jonah came r_____ to Nineveh to preach; Jesus came w_____ to the world to save (Jn 3:16)
 2. Jonah's preaching saved _____ people group; Jesus will save people from _____ people group (Rev 5:9,10).
 3. Jonah preached God's word for only a short season, but Jesus is the W_____ (Jn 1:1,14) and everything that came out of His mouth was t_____.
- Jesus did not merely speak truth, He is the t_____ (Jn 14:6)
 1. Truth is not a collection of f_____
 2. Truth is a p_____
 3. How will I respond to the Truth, the Savior of the world?
 - a. Will I take every opportunity to t_____ others about the Truth?
 - b. Will I s_____ mission efforts to advance the Truth to all people groups?

Jesus is greater than the wisest k_____ – He is the W_____ (42)

- On judgment day the queen of the S_____ (Sheba or present day Yemen in Arabia) will judge the Pharisees.
 1. She did not fully believe the fantastic reports of Solomon's wisdom and so traveled _____ miles to find out for herself.

2. She t_____ Solomon with difficult questions.
 3. She told Solomon that his wisdom was far wiser than what was r_____.
 4. She b_____ or praised the Lord (I Kgs 10)
- Jesus's wisdom is g_____ than Solomon's
 1. Jesus did not just come to save us from sin, but to give us the b_____ life we could have regardless of the difficulties.
 2. Jesus is the W_____
 - a. To a fulfilling m_____
 - b. To a fulfilling j_____
 - c. To a fulfilling h_____
 - d. To fulfilling f_____
 - e. To a fulfilling l_____

Conclusion:

- Jesus did not merely claim to be greater than all. Solid evidence backs it up.
 1. Greater than d_____ because He rose from the dead. He is the L_____.
 2. Greater than the most effective prophet because He is s_____ people from every people group in the world (10,000 people groups so far; 7,000 to go). He is the T_____.
 3. Greater than the wisest king because His wisdom is proven in the lives of those who obey Him. He is the W_____.
- Someone greater than anyone or anything is here! How will you respond?