

Spread The News Jonah 1:1-3

Messengers

Jonah

Did not want to teach the Ninevites - Thought they deserved God's wrath
Enemies of Israel, oppressive - Did not agree that repentance was enough - Not his kind of people
Proclaimed God's Message
Not good news but a warning - Brought repentance

Cornelius

Excited at opportunity - **Acts 10:24,33**
Thought everyone he cared for should have opportunity
Understood God's goodness - Recognized all need to turn to God
Did not have message himself, encouraged others to "come and hear" - **Acts 11:13-14**

Prophecy Fulfilled

Word promised to those that would come to Zion - **Isaiah 2:1-5; Micah 4:1-2; Joel 2:32**

Peter proclaimed the message of Jesus as Savior - **Acts 2:16-24; John 1:14**

The result was - **Acts 2:41**

Persecuted Christians

The Word was preached! - **Acts 8:4-5; Acts 11:19-24**

The Word called them to the Lord - **2Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1Peter 2:9**

The Word of Christ, His Path, His Laws saved those Jews and once they had answered the call, Jesus, the Lord, added them to His number (assembly of those who answered the call).

Souls Saved By The Word

Church is a collective noun - **1Peter 2:9**

Sometimes refers to all. (Universal) - **Matthew 16:18**

Sometimes refers to a geographic grouping (Regional-Churches) Galatia - **Acts 9:31**

Sometimes refers to single organized group (Local) - **Acts 13:1**

Men may allow or disallow fellowship with the group - **3John 9-10; 2Timothy 2:16-19**

But God determines who are really His - **Acts 2:47**

Heeding The Word Sets Us Apart

From Adam to my neighbor - **Jonah 3:5-10; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 11:20-21; 1John 1:1-5**

When the Word is proclaimed and heeded the Church will grow!

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