THE LAST SIGN

Luke 11:27-32. Verse # 29 -30 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

When someone preaches or teaches no one ever knows how far his words will reach, or what responses they might bring, or what chords they may cause to vibrate. (Luke 11:27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. “OUT OF THE CROWD,” a woman full of emotion spoke as many of their hearts had felt His mighty power. As our Lord had spoken, it had stirred, it had burned a fire, that sparks the tongue, “A Woman’s Word” ... Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.) This, then, is singled out as the "yea rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it." It is a word both of encouragement and of searching. “The vital question is - What is YOUR relation to the Word of God?”

Three Things We Will Look At This Morning.

I. THE RESEARCH OF A QUEEN FROM THE SOUTH.

Luke 11:31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

(A). THE QUEEN CAME TO SEEK THE SAVIOUR.

1 Kings 10:1-2. And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.
It has been long credited by some that this queen, was not only instructed by Solomon in the Jewish religion, but also established it in her own empire on her return; that she had a son by Solomon named Menilek, who succeeded her in the kingdom; and, from that time until the present, they have preserved the Jewish religion.

(B). THE QUEEN CAME TO SERVE SOLOMON.

2 Chron. 9:5-8. “And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard. Happy are thy men, and happy are these servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. BLESSED BE THE LORD THY GOD,” READ JOHN 20:31 I JOHN 1:1-10

BLINDED BY THE TRUTH

A man once stood on a soap-box at Hyde Park Corner, pouring scorn on Christianity. "People tell me that God exists; but I can't see Him. People tell me that there is a life after death; but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a judgment to come; but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a heaven and a hell; but I can't see them." He won cheap applause and climbed down from his "pulpit." Another struggled on to the soap-box. "People tell me that there is green grass all around, but I can't see it. People tell me that there is blue sky above, but I can't see it. People tell me that there are trees nearby, but I can't see them. YOU SEE, I'M BLIND.

II. THE REACH OF A MAN NAMED SOLOMON.

1 Kings 10:23-24. So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

(A). JESUS IS GREATER IN WISDOM.

Luke 11:31....... “Behold a greater than Solomon is here.”

1. Solomon wrote down many of the “Words of God.” But JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD.

John 1:1-5. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was
in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

(B). JESUS IS GREATER IN WEALTH.

2 Chron 9:5-8 “And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me:

Paul WRITES: 1 Cor 10:26. For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

Eph 1:7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Col 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

III. THE REQUEST FOR A SIGN FROM THE SAVIOUR.

Luke 11:29-30; 32. And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

(A). THE SIGN OF JONAH.

Matt 12:40. For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (The Resurrection sets Jesus apart from all others)  (Jonah was a Prophet to the Gentiles; ..... Jesus was turning to the Gentiles)

I Cor 15:6 over five hundred people were EYEWITNESSES of the RESURRECTION of JESUS.

(B). THE SUBSTANCE OF JESUS MESSAGE.

Luke 11:29 “This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it....

Hebrews 11:1, 6 ... “Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to PLEASE GOD.”
(Don’t be a **DOUBTING THOMAS**) Jonah Preach and by **FAITH NINEVEH** was **SAVED**.

Luke 11:31.... “To hear the Wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a **GREATER THAN SOLOMON** is **HERE**.”

The best news the world has ever had came from a graveyard near Jerusalem

God took the worst thing that man could do to his Son, and transformed it into the best thing he could do for man.