#### Jonah – a OT parable

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### Challenging our assumptions!



## A tale of the unexpected



- The prophet
  - Rebels
  - Runs away
  - Sulks
- The pagans
  - Pray
  - Try to do the right thing
  - Repent
- Rethink easy lines!

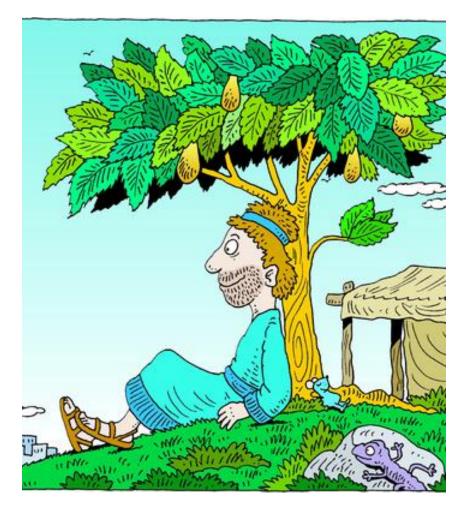




#### Comical!



# What kind of sovereign?



- He can control
  - The weather
  - Animals, great & small!
  - Plants
- He never controls
  - People
  - Works with our choices



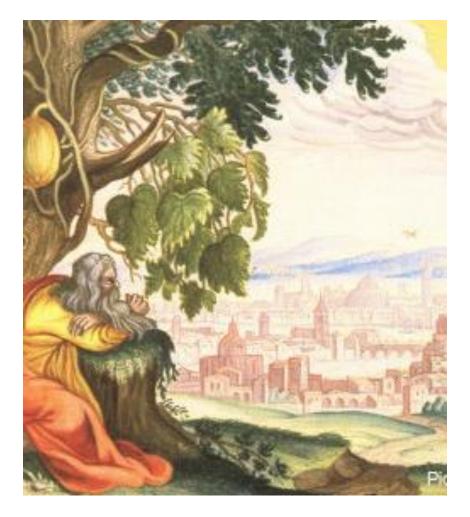
## "That's not fair!"



- God's prophet treated harshly
- God's people treated harshly? (Mal 3:14-15)
- Wicked Nineveh scotfree?
- Ignorance matters
  - Left & right hands (4:11)
  - Jesus (John 9:41)



### What's in a Name?



- Yahweh or El?
  - Jonah = Yahweh
  - Sailors = El
  - Ninevites = El
- Jonah's change?
  - The worm that turned!
  - 4:7-9
- It's relational
- It's all relational!

