"The Sign that Matters"

- I. Jesus challenged the people who desired more signs
 - A. Jesus exposed their motives as wickedness
 - B. The sign of the kingdom is the risen Lord Jesus Christ
 - 1. Jesus was sent from God to save us

"The Lord himself will give a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

- 2. Jesus died on a cross for us
- 3. Jesus was buried for three days

"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:40)

4. Jesus was raised back to life

"Who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1:4)

5. Jesus is the only way of salvation

"I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

- C. People are responsible for how they respond to Jesus
 - 1. We must repent of our sins as the people of Nineveh did

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." (Acts 3:19)

2. We must listen to Jesus as the Queen listened to Solomon

"While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5)

- D. The most important sign we have been given is <u>Jesus</u>
- E. Jesus must be the <u>object of our faith</u>
- F. There will come a day of judgment
- II. Jesus challenged the people to see the truth and believe
 - A. Jesus is the light of the world

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

1. His light is not <u>hidden</u>

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19)

- B. We must prepare our hearts for the <u>light of Christ</u>
 - 1. Through <u>faith</u> in Jesus Christ
 - 2. Through <u>obedience</u> to Jesus Christ

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son purifies us from all sin." (I John 1:7)

C. We must let the light of Christ <u>shine through us</u>

"You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)