

SERMON NOTES
Mt.12.38-42 - Prove It! #173
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Man's natural sinfulness & lostness are not always apparent.

Sin is most clearly and indisputably manifested by how a person responds to Jesus Christ.

On the surface - they appeared to be **R**_____ men of God, dedicated to His service & to His Word.

A person may successfully **H**_____ his sin for a long time (I Ti.5.24)

The scribes & Pharisees had managed to keep a facade of **T**_____ regarding Jesus.

Their attitude appeared one of godliness, but they did not have saving **T**_____ in Jesus Christ.

They have a false & **D**_____ view of Jesus.

They cannot hide their **R**_____ of the true Gospel & the true God.

They do not love God, because they hate & despise the Son & the **W**_____ of salvation He provides.

By this time the scribes & Pharisees were entrenched in their opposition & **H**_____ of Jesus.

The more they tried to entrap Jesus, the more He **E**_____ their ungodliness ...

I. THE LAST SIGN vv.38–40 -

❖ The hypocritical demand for a sign exposed the wickedness of these people.

The scribes and Pharisees were the authorized interpretive **S**_____ and lawyers of Judaism.

(1) THE CHALLENGE v.38b

This group of scholars/religious leaders considered no other person to be **Q**_____ to teach them.

It was their intention here to expose Jesus as a **F**_____ teacher.

The request was an official demand for Jesus to **P**_____ Himself to be the Messiah.

(2) THE REPLY vv.39–40

Jesus declares their very *request for a sign* reflects **W**_____ expectations of an evil **generation**.

During the Babylonian captivity Jews had forsaken **F**_____ idolatry.

In its place they erected idols of man-made **T**_____ in which they trusted & put their hope.

A Jew who served God under the covenant given to Moses would **A**_____ His Son when He came;

...because anyone rightly related to the Father could not fail to **R**_____ the Son.

Because they knew the Father, they knew the Son and did not need a sign to verify His identity.

It was **C**_____ to God's nature & plan for Jesus to perform such a miracle.

The O.T. contains 2 kinds of prophecy regarding Christ.

✚ One is what may be called the verbally **P**_____ ,

❖ in which specific & sometimes **D**_____ predictions are given.

Such prophecies include those:

➤ That the Christ would be born of a **V**_____ (Is.7.14),

➤ That He would be a descendant of **D**_____ who would rule the entire earth with justice & righteousness (Je.23.5), &

➤ That He would be born in **B**_____ (Mi.5.2).

✚ The 2nd type of messianic prophecy is **T**_____ ,

❖ in which an O.T. person or event **F**_____ the person or work of Christ.

We can be certain of typical predictions only if they are specifically identified as such in the N.T.

Jesus believed in the full **L**_____ of the biblical account of Jonah.

Jesus also verified the **A**_____ of Jonah's account of himself.

His own **R**_____ would be the only **sign** from heaven they would receive. It was the final sign Jesus directly gave to the world of His **M**_____ credentials & **S**_____ power.

CONCLUSION:

When a person is confronted with the **L**_____ Christ & with His **A**_____ death & resurrection, the matter of that person's eternal **D**_____ is determined.