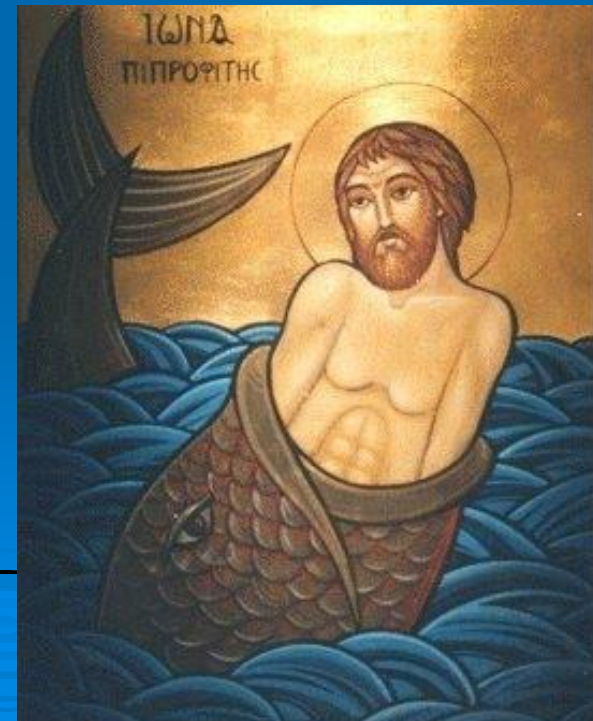
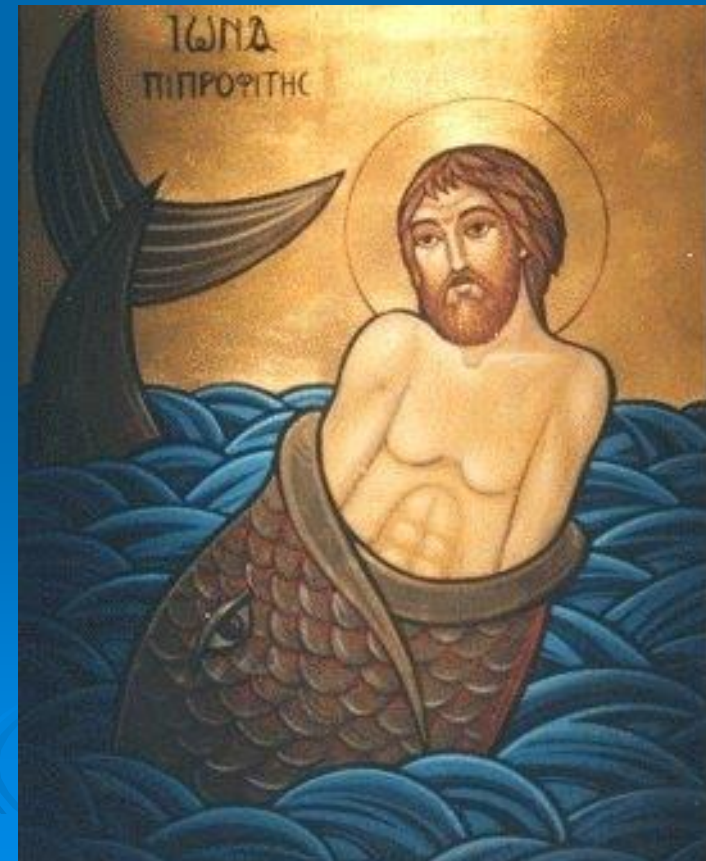


**“Now the word of the
LORD came to Jonah the
son of Amittai”**

Jonah 1:1



**Why did God pick Jonah for
this particular mission?**

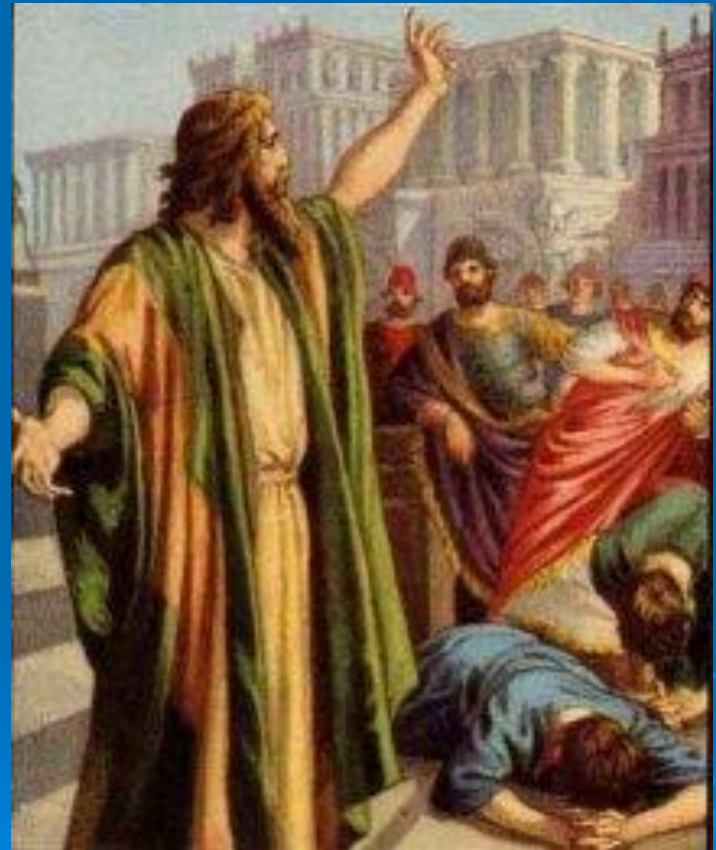


1. Jonah certainly had the needed skills

➤ *Moses:*

“Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action” *Acts 7:22*

➤ *St. Barnabas* (Son of Encouragement) was the one to be sent to the newly born church in Antioch



2. Jonah was a humble servant who would not be tempted with pride when the mission succeeds

- Only spoke about his disobedience
- Summarized his role in a few words
- Spoke of his indifference on the ship
- Concluded the story with God's words alone without mentioning his own response



3. Jonah was an honest servant who spoke his heart and was committed to the job

- “Then God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?’ And he said, ‘It is right for me to be angry, even to death!’”

Jonah 4:9



4. Jonah made a mistake, yet God transformed it into salvation

- “Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows” *Jonah 1:16*
- *Samson*: “But his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD, that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines”
Judges 14:4



5. Jonah had a problem, but God solved it through the mission

- Jonah had a problem in understanding loyalty and love to his people
- Trusted his own judgment



“Oh, the depth of the riches
both of the wisdom and
knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are His judgments
and His ways past finding out!”

Romans 11:33