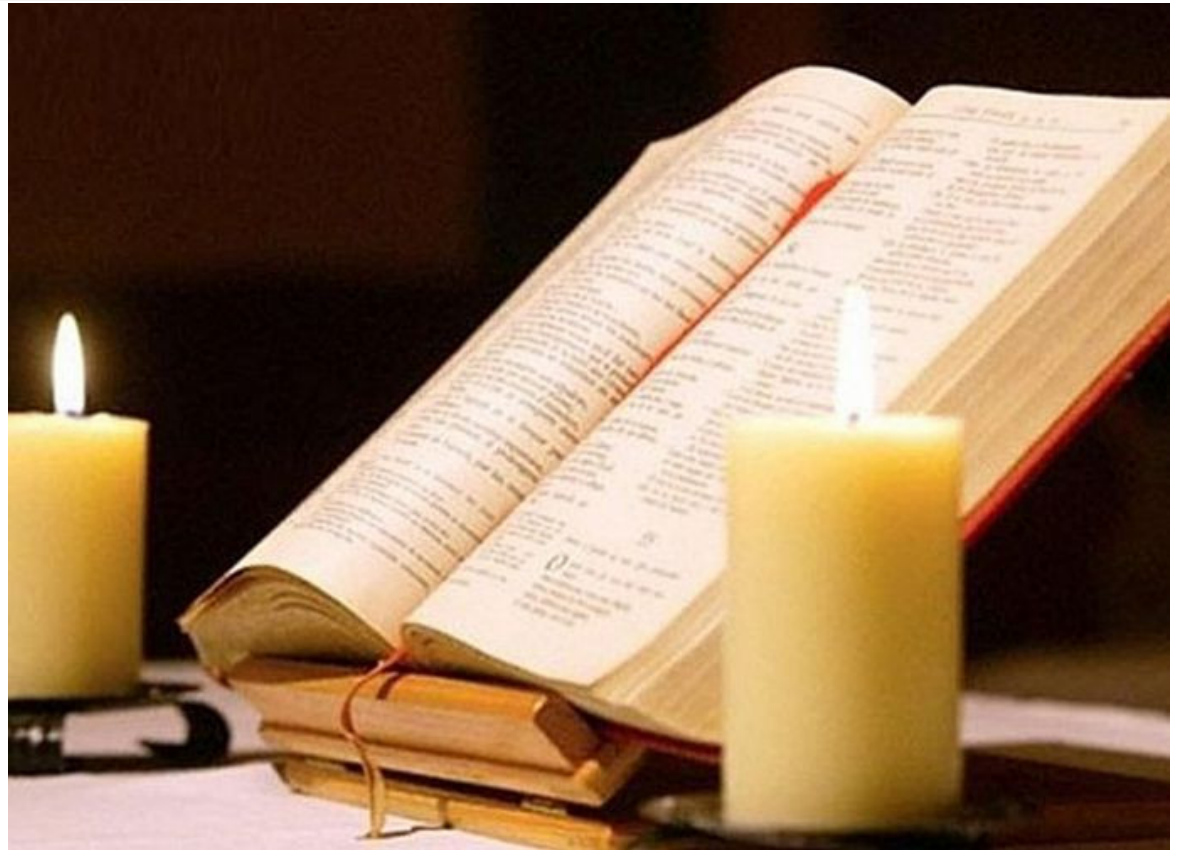


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Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the

judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. Matthew 12: 38-42)

For some contemporaries of Jesus, including scribes and Pharisees, the content of his announcing the Kingdom of God is not enough for them to believe in Him. They ask Jesus for confirmation through performing miracles. Others, on the other hand, who saw His signs, reject what Jesus preached anyway. In both cases, there is a lack of willingness to listen and see because, in reality, they had already decided what to believe about Jesus. They were already prejudiced. This attitude is very dangerous for our eternal salvation. By way of human presumption, no salvation can be achieved. And are we ready today to believe Christ's teachings, without presuming to know everything about Him?