

## Matthew 13:53-58 **Jesus in Nazareth, His Home Town**

53 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. 54 And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" 57 So they were offended at Him.

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." 58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus returned to His home town Nazareth, He taught in their synagogue. [Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6, Luke 4:16-30]
  - ✧ They were astonished at His teaching, because they knew Him and His family who lived in their town. [Matthew 13:53-56, Mark 6:2]
  - ✧ They knew Him to be "the carpenter's son. [Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3]
  - ✧ It was there that He had grown up and increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. [Luke 2:51-52]
  - ✧ Still they asked, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Where did He get all these things?" [Matthew 13:54, 56, Mark 6:2]
  - ✧ They were offended at Him. [Matthew 13:57, Mark 6:3]
- ✚ Jesus did indeed have a mother named Mary, and brothers named James, Joses, Judas, and Simon, and sisters as well. [Matthew 13:55-56, Mark 6:3]
  - ✧ Familiarity breeds contempt, when it becomes obvious that God has given you wisdom and powers beyond that of your siblings or those familiar with your childhood.
- ✚ Jesus made a statement of fact that still manifests itself today: "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." [Matthew 13:57, Mark 6:4]
  - ✧ This is still obvious, with families and people who knew your childhood and youth, if you gain more knowledge of God and His word than they.
  - ✧ It doesn't matter that you put many times more effort into seeking the truth in His Word than they, still they resent the resulting level of knowledge you have gained as the Holy Spirit has opened your mind in understanding of the Holy Word.
- ✚ Jesus could not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. [Matthew 13:58, Mark 6:5]
- ✚ Jesus marveled at their unbelief. [Mark 6:6]
  - ✧ With all the evidence demonstrated by Jesus' teachings, miracles, and reputation, it is difficult to fathom why people would not rejoice and welcome him in His home town because a son of their village was so exalted by God.
  - ✧ However they demonstrate the resentment, jealousy, and rejection that is so common when confronted with one whom God is using in so mighty a way.
- ✚ How often we fail to see mighty miracles around us today because of our resentment toward the messenger and unbelief of his message.
- ✚ Jesus left and went about the villages of Galilee teaching. [Mark 6:6, Luke 4:30]