

We Know You

Matthew 13:53-58

I. Small Minds in A Small Town Synagogue

A. Jesus' home Nazareth

1. Old Testament 39 books 30+ authors - not mentioned once
2. Jewish historian Josephus lists 244 towns and villages - not listed
3. Talmud extra Jewish writing - not mentioned once

B. Jesus regularly attended services there

1. Began His public ministry (Luke 4:15-22)
2. A second chance
3. Same reaction "Is not this Joseph the Carpenter's Son?"

C. They could not see beyond His humanity to His Deity

1. Knew His family
2. What great Rabbi did He study under?
3. How could He have great knowledge and do great works?

D. Reacted badly

1. First time wanted throw Him off a cliff
2. Offended by His teaching
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E. As far as we can tell Jesus never returned there

II. He Did Only A Few Miracles There (Matthew 13:58)

A. Unbelief did not stop Him; He stopped because of unbelief

B. God responds to faith - above all He wants us to trust Him

1. A mustard seed
2. A mountain
3. "Your faith has made you well"

C. The proper response to God is always faith

1. "Saved by Grace through faith" (Eph 2:8-9)
2. "When Son of Man comes will He find faith on the earth?" (Luke 17:8)

D. Now is the time to strengthen our faith

1. Unbelief stifles the work of God
2. Curiosity is not the same as faith (Herod)

III. Do Not Let Criticism or Disrespect Stop You

A. Who Jesus actually was; was not dependant on who they thought He was

B. He continued to teach truth and do mighty signs and wonders (Matthew 7:28-29)

C. He was disheartened but not defeated