

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

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Luke 4:16-30 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. (17) And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, (18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, (19) to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (20) And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. (21) And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (22) And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" (23) And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" (24) And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. (25) But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, (26) and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. (27) And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." (28) When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. (29) And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. (30) But passing through their midst, he went away.

Why No miracles in Nazareth?

Who are you hearing, telling you how to live, changes needed.

He read from Isaiah
He taught them about who he was

They heard these marvelous words coming from Joseph's boy.
They hung up on who he was, not who he is.
They expected him to work miracles there for them, because it is his hometown.
Jesus determined that miracles would not change their thinking, they would not be useful.
Why? Because of who they saw him as – the little boy.

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What was going on in Nazareth? Why did he not work any miracles there? Why were his words overlooked? And, are these things WE do today?

Did you hear the idea that he had returned to his hometown, to where he grew up?

What is it like when you return to your hometown? Are they impressed with your maturity, your acquired skills, or the wonderful mate you selected? Probably not.

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The people back home had heard about the miracles he did at Capernaum. They wanted to see the same thing where he grew up.

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Your Jesus is not the one found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

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And this was not the only time he provoked people. But he only pushed people’s buttons when THEY had a mental block, some obstruction PREVENTING them from moving to full, active belief.

So, if your Jesus is soft, ALWAYS sweet, always GENTLE, always MILD, then YOU may have a mental obstruction PREVENTING you from a full commitment to Jesus, an active, obedient, joy-filled belief. So, please examine yourself.

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