

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth - Luke 4:14-30

Topics: Acceptance, Achievements, Anger, Bible, Church, Example, Expectations, Hardheartedness, Home, Miracles, Opposition, People, Prophecy, Rejection, Shame, Truth, Worship

Open It

- * 1. What are some of the best things that happen when a person comes back home after being away at school or in the service?
- 2. What special place in your life do you dream about visiting again?
- 3. What does the old saying mean, “You can never go home again”?

Explore It

- 4. What was Jesus’ reputation at this point in His life? (4:14-15)
- 5. Where was Jesus teaching? (4:15)
- * 6. What was Jesus’ hometown? (4:16)
- 7. What did Jesus customarily do on the Sabbath? (4:16)
- 8. What happened once Jesus entered the synagogue? (4:16-30)
- 9. What did Jesus do when He was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah? (4:17-20)
- 10. How familiar was Jesus with Isaiah’s words? (4:17-20)
- 11. What five activities show that the Spirit of the Lord is on a person? (4:18-19)
- * 12. How did the audience respond to Jesus’ reading? (4:20)
- 13. How did Jesus apply the passage He read from Isaiah? (4:21)
- 14. What difficulty were the people having in accepting Jesus’ words? (4:22)
- * 15. What were the main points of Jesus’ words to the people in His hometown? (4:23-27)
- 16. Why were the people angry with what Jesus said? (4:23-29)
- 17. How did the people express their anger at Jesus’ message? (4:28-30)

Get It

- 18. How did Jesus’ experience in His hometown illustrate the fickleness of a crowd?
- 19. In what different ways can we see the Spirit of God on Jesus throughout these events?
- 20. How did Jesus demonstrate the importance of worship?
- 21. During this incident, in what ways did Jesus demonstrate the importance of knowing the Scriptures?
- * 22. What kind of reception should we expect when we speak the truth?
- 23. How did Jesus’ message illustrate the fact that God does not favor one culture over another?
- 24. What did Jesus know firsthand about rejection?
- * 25. To what extent will people go to avoid hearing the truth about themselves?
- 26. Why do we sometimes try to avoid facing the truth about ourselves?

Apply It

- * 27. In what way could you renew your commitment to worship with other Christians?
- 28. How could you improve your present habit of Bible reading?