

A Prophet Without Honor - Matthew 13:53-58

Topics: Acceptance, Accusation, Change, Conversation, Criticism, Doubt, Faithfulness, Family, Forgiveness, Habits, History, Honor, Image, New Life, Perseverance, Reputation, Surprises

Open It

- * 1. What do you like best and least about your hometown?
- 2. What would your family say you were like as a little kid?
- 3. How would your high school or college friends react if they heard you were in a serious Bible study?
- 4. What former classmate has surprised you since you graduated from high school? Why?

Explore It

- 5. What did Jesus do when He finished telling His parables? (13:53)
- 6. Where did Jesus go? (13:54)
- * 7. What did Jesus do in His hometown? (13:54)
- 8. Where exactly did Jesus preach? (13:54)
- 9. What was the public response to Jesus' message? (13:54)
- 10. What kinds of questions were the folks in Nazareth asking? (13:55)
- 11. What family ties did the townspeople of Nazareth recognize Jesus as having? (13:55)
- * 12. How did the people feel about "one of their own" saying wise things and doing amazing miracles? (13:57)
- 13. How did Jesus explain their reaction to Him? (13:57)
- * 14. What did Jesus not do in Nazareth—at least in any great amount? Why? (13:58)
- 15. What caused Jesus to refrain from doing miracles in Nazareth? (13:58)

Get It

- 16. How would you react if a guy from your neighborhood started doing miracles and claiming to be God?
- 17. What are some ways we limit the work of Christ by our unbelief?
- 18. Why are we more often impressed by people we don't know than by people we do know?
- 19. Why do we have a tendency to downplay the accomplishments of people we are close to?
- * 20. How did your family react when you placed your trust in Christ?
- * 21. In what ways do you struggle to live down your past?

Apply It

- 22. What are three things you need to trust Christ for in the coming week?
- 23. How can you strengthen your faith in Jesus during this time so that He can work in and through you?
- * 24. What family members or old friends will you commit to visit or call in the next month to tell them about the change Christ is making in you?