

How to Offend Church People

Mark. 6:1-6

This episode is also found in Matt. 13:54-58 and most likely the same as described in Luke 4:14-30 but with far greater detail.

Positive hometown reaction to Jesus' impressive preaching, 1,2

- ❖ Again, Jesus' teaching causes "astonishment," 1:22, 7:37, plus the awareness of His miraculous abilities, see Lk. 4:23.
- ❖ Luke adds that Jesus referred to Isa. 61:1,2 and part of 58:6.

Negative recognition of Jesus' hometown upbringing, 3

- ❖ Earlier His family rejected Him (3:21,31-35) ; now His hometown does.
- ❖ Why this sudden coldness toward Jesus? "scandalizo"

What should this suggest to us?

Negative reaction of Jesus to His hometown's unbelief, 4-6

- ❖ Two proverbial quips: "Physician heal yourself!" (Lk. 4:23)
"A prophet is not without honor . . ."
- ❖ Two OT parallels: Elijah and Elisha's miracles (Lk. 4:25-27)
- ❖ Luke notes this gets uglier, Lk. 4:28-30 (Jn.7:30, 8:59, 10:39).
Why all the hate here?
- ❖ Jesus only *marvels* 2x in Scripture—here and in Lk.7:9.

