

Reflection Questions: If I would have been in Nazareth for Jesus' visit, how would I have responded? Is Jesus astonished by my faith or my lack of it? Does my familiarity with Jesus breed contempt? In what ways am I embarrassed by Jesus?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Hometown Blues

Sermon
Notes

February 26, 2023

1. Hometown Reception

Quotes to Ponder

Familiarity breeds contempt, only with contemptible things or among contemptible people.

Phillips Brooks

By virtue of His communion with God, Jesus power as Savior knows no bounds, but the use of it does.

L. Goppelt

Unbelief must needs be a monstrous sin, that puts Christ to the marvel.

John Trapp

We must never let our growing rob us of the dazzling wonder and demands of our faith.

R. Kent Hughes

What amazes God about humanity is not its sinfulness and propensity for evil but its hardness of heart and unwillingness to believe in Him.

James R. Edwards

If your eyes are ever able to see the glory of God, if your ears are ever able to hear the truth of God, if your mind is able to consider the person and work of Jesus, you have been given grace. God is giving you an opportunity; He is revealing Himself to you.

Paul David Tripp

2. Jesus' Response

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read this account in the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you solve them?

Matthew 13:53-58 —

Mark 6:1-6 —

3. How was Jesus received in Nazareth in his first visit (*Luke 4:13-30*)?

4. Why were the people of Nazareth offended by Jesus (*Mark 6:2-3*)?

What questions do they ask of Jesus? Why?

5. What do we know of Jesus' brothers from the following verses?

John 7:5 —

1 Corinthians 15:7 —

Acts 1:14 —

Galatians 1:19 —

Acts 12:17 —

Galatians 2:9 —

Acts 15:13-21 —

Jude 1:1

Acts 21:18 —

6. What is meant in *Mark 6:5* when it says Jesus *could do no miracle there*?

7. What caused Jesus to marvel or wonder in Nazareth (*Mark 6:6*)?

What caused the people of Nazareth to respond in this way?

Why were they unable to trust Jesus and experience the wonders of His power and grace as others had?

8. What lessons did the disciples likely learn from this incident (*Mark 6:1-6*)?

9. A pattern develops in Mark's gospel as the demons cry out Jesus' identity and humans question it. What do you see in these verses:

Demonic Cry

Human Question

1:24 —

1:27 —

1:34 —

2:7 —

3:11 —

4:41 —

5:7 —

6:3 —

10. In *Mark 6:3* we see the residents of Nazareth were offended by Jesus. This word is used in the following verses in Mark. How is it used?

4:17 —

14:27, 29 —

9:42, 43, 45, 47 —