

THE KING IS REJECTED IN HIS HOMETOWN  
(Matthew 13:53-58)

- I. Overview of Matthew 13:53 - 16:4
  - A. Jesus is REJECTED in NAZARETH (13:54-58)
  - B. Jesus is REJECTED by HEROD (14:1-12)
  - C. Jesus is MISUNDERSTOOD by the CROWDS
    - 1. The FADING enthusiasm of the 5000 who were FED (14:13-21)
    - 2. The FADING enthusiasm of the MANY who were HEALED (14:34-36)
  - D. Jesus is WORSHIPED by the TWELVE after He WALKS on the WATER and CALMS the STORM (14:22-33)
  - E. Jesus is DESPISED by the Scribes and Pharisees (15:1-20)
  - F. Jesus is recognized as LORD by a CANAANITE woman (15:21-28)
  - G. Jesus is THRONGED by Gentiles coming for HEALING (15:29-39)
  - H. Jesus is ATTACKED by Pharisees and Sadducees (16:1-4)
  - I. Summary
    - 1. Only ONE in FOUR responses is that of FAITH
    - 2. All four types of “SOIL” are represented

II. Leaving CAPERNAUM (Matt. 13:53)

- A. It had been Jesus' HEADQUARTERS for nearly a YEAR
- B. Jesus had PRONOUNCED its DOOM (11:23)
- C. Jesus never RETURNED to MINISTER there

III. Returning to NAZARETH (Matt. 13:54-58)

- A. Their unbelief OBSCURED the OBVIOUS (13:54)
  - 1. They RECOGNIZED Him as a young man they KNEW
  - 2. They were astonished at His WISDOM and POWERS
  - 3. They asked what was their SOURCE
- B. Their unbelief ELEVATED the IRRELEVANT (13:55-56)
  - 1. They asked, "Isn't this the CARPENTER'S SON?"
  - 2. They asked, "Don't we KNOW His FAMILY?"
- C. Their unbelief IGNORED the TRUTH (13:57)
  - 1. They "took OFFENSE" at Him
  - 2. Jesus acknowledged that a PROPHET is HONORED everywhere but at HOME
- D. Their unbelief FORFEITED the SUPERNATURAL (13:58)
  - 1. Jesus performed few VISIBLE MIRACLES in Nazareth
  - 2. Only believers experience the miracle of REGENERATION