

Matthew 13:53-58 “Rejecting the Savior”

He came to his own place, and his own people rejected him. — John 1:11

I. Rationalism in Nazareth

- A** Ending the work in Capernaum v. 53
- B** Nazareth amazed v. 54a
 - C** Questioning the source of Jesus’ power v. 54b
 - D** 3 questions about origins vv. 55-56a
 - C¹** Questioning the source of Jesus’ power v. 56b
- B¹** Nazareth offended v. 57a
- A¹** Refraining from work in Nazareth vv. 57b-58

II. Consideration of Details

- a. The home country of Jesus
 - Πατρις – vv. 54, 57
 - This is Nazareth, not Capernaum
- b. Amazement (v. 54) and offense (v. 57)
 - Reaction without conclusion (7:28; 19:25; 22:33)

 - Reaction with rejection (11:6; 13:21; 26:31-34; *cf.* Jn 6:61)
- c. Five questions and the hypostatic union
 - The natural state of events (judging by appearances)

 - The supernatural provision of Christ (Jn 1:14-18)

III. Avoiding the mistakes of Nazareth

Our predilections can lead us to incorrect conclusions.
See 9:34; 12:24.

Letting God be God – He often does differently than we expect.