

MATTHEW

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Matthew 13:53-58

READ

Matthew 13:53-58 (Mark 6:1-6) Luke 4:16-31

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. The scene shifts from Capernaum (or the area of Capernaum) back to Jesus' original hometown of Nazareth (vv. 53-54). Jesus had previously visited His boyhood hometown (Luke 4:16-31). Summarize that visit. What stands out? How might this previous visit have an influence on the present visit?
2. The present setting is the synagogue on a Sabbath (Mark 6:2). What is unique about the members of this synagogue (i.e., the citizens of Nazareth) (vv. 55-56)? (What is their relationship to Jesus and His family?)
3. What is the reaction to Jesus' teaching in their synagogue (v. 54)?

What two things are their reaction based upon? (The former is based on what? The latter is presumably based on what though it is not specified in the text?)

4. What is behind their latter question in v. 56 if they were acquainted with Jesus from His childhood (c.f., Luke 2:46-47, 52)?
5. What is their next reaction to Jesus (v. 57)? Why or on what basis (given their question from the previous verse)?

Why do people continue to be offended at Jesus?

6. How is the final condition of these people summarized (v. 58)? What is to account for this? What was the progression?

Some say, "I cannot believe anything that I cannot see." Others say, "Seeing is believing." Why are such statements largely *not* true?

7. How did Jesus handle their reaction to Him (vv. 57-58)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will give honor to Jesus this week by . . .

I will express my faith in Jesus this week by . . .