

Sermon Notes

Scandal Over Jesus In Nazareth

Matthew 13:53-58

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Geography and setting

Summary of Jesus teaching in Nazareth, and the people's astonishment

The Nazarenes process what they were observing in Jesus

What were they thinking?

Jesus' brothers

What if you are rejected by your family?

They took offense at Jesus

σκανδαλίζω, *scandalidzo* - to stumble over and fall

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in His hometown and in His household."

We don't want to be like the Nazarenes, and most people

**We need to try to accept what God presents to us,
even when it is hard for us to understand**

Why did Jesus use this saying?

He was a prophet. But He was more than a prophet.

The main point was fitting to His situation

Jesus didn't do many mighty works because of their unbelief

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 2/9/14 sermon
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Are you in the practice of applying what you learn in God's word every time - changing your thinking or behavior?

Do you accept by faith that God's ways are best, even when His ways don't make immediate sense to you?

Do you struggle with the idea that Jesus is God come to be a human? Don't be ashamed to be honest.

(If you have someone that does struggle with that, ask others in the group to explain how they reconcile that idea in their minds.)

What stands out to you as the greatest evidences that Jesus is God?

Do you have family members that dislike you or mistreat you because you are a Christian, or how about family members who just don't want to hear about Jesus from you?

If so, how do you deal with that?

Do you pray for that they would open up to Jesus and pray for opportunity to share Jesus with them?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?