## The Carpenter's Son

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#### **Matt. 13:53-58** (NIV)

"When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. <sup>54</sup>Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. <sup>55</sup> "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup> Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" <sup>57</sup> And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home." <sup>58</sup> And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."

Q: Have I labeled Jesus?

Q: How can I know if I've labeled Jesus?

#### **Luke 4:16-22** (NASB)

16 "And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom. He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED. 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. <sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which

were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Q: Have I stopped trying to know Him better?

**Luke 4:23** (NASB)

And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."

Q: Which do I want more: His Miracles, or His Kingdom?

**Luke 4:24-27** (NASB)

"And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> "But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; <sup>26</sup> and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

### Q: Do I see His power in my life?

**Luke 4:28-29** (NASB)

"And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; <sup>29</sup> and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff."

# Q: Am I pushing Him out, or am I trusting and obeying Him?

**Luke 4:30** (NASB)

"But passing through their midst, He went His way."

If we label Jesus, He'll probably walk right past us too!