

Jesus' Hometown Reunion: (Not Preached at FBCK)

Text: (Lk 4:16 – 30)

(Lk 4:14) His fame had spread abroad:

(Lk 4:15) Everyone amazed by his teaching/miracles

A Different Response Back Home:

(Luke 4:16a) *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up:*

Not the place of His birth, it was the town in which He had grown to be an adult. (Lk 2:51-52)

(Luke 4:16b) *as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day,*

Normal for Jesus to be @ Synagogue on the Sabbath.

He was Faithful to the things of God.

If we are to be *conformed to the image of his son* then this is an example to us.

(Luke 4:16c) *& stood up for to read*

It was the custom in synagogues for the ruler to allow another to read the Scripture if he requested.

Kept at the front of the synagogue in a special place.

Jesus sought approval to read & it was granted.

He stood to read in respect of Word of God, it was the custom since before Nehemiah (8:5; 9:3).

(Luke 4:17-19)

Not clear if Jesus requested Isaiah, it seems implied.

He could have preached Himself out of any 39 books (Is 61:1-2a) Messianic passage, both advents in view. Publicly identified Himself as the promised Messiah.

He stopped midway vs 2. The prophecy shifted from His 1st advent (in grace) to His 2nd (in wrath).

Throughout Jesus' earthly ministry, He preached the gospel to the poor (i.e., those of humble estate).

He healed the broken-hearted (i.e., His raising of the dead on several occasions).

He certainly preached deliverance (literally, 'forgiveness') to those bound by sin.

He gave sight to the blind.

He freed those bruised by the burden of sin.

He preached the acceptable year of the Lord:

"Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2)

The phrase *"to set at liberty them that are bruised"* is not from (Is 61:1, but 42:7 & 58:6)

It was accepted practice of the day for a Jewish commentator to draw from other portions of Scripture in making His point which Jesus did.

(Luke 4:20-21)

The convicting power of the Holy Spirit filling Jesus, had driven the Word of God deeply into their hearts.

Jesus thus applied the text to Himself.

“He began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

He evidently made further comment which is not otherwise recorded.

The ministry of the Messiah, was being fulfilled that very day, as they heard it read.
His public ministry had begun.

Jesus, filled with the Spirit, was gracious.
His very words also were kind.
They pondered how, Joseph (the local carpenter) kid could speak like this.

It is unclear, but likely Joseph was deceased by now.
Jesus’ hometown’s folk marveled that He was so eloquent, forceful, & learned in Scripture, having been brought up ‘blue-collar’.

(Luke 4:22) (Matt 13:54-56) (Mark 6:3)

Christ is Misjudged as a Hypocrite:

(Luke 4:23) He even predicted they would misuse this parable to accuse Him of Hypocrisy.

The Lost will use the truth to oppose truth (Prov 26:7)

Quick to quote the scripture to your face when they would never follow such high standards of conduct.
(Matt 27:40-42) *Mocking Christ at Calvary*
(Lk 23:35-37) *Mocking Christ at Calvary*
(Mark 15:30-31) *Mocking Christ at Calvary*

With a total lack of belief they misjudges Christ,
calling Him a Hypocrite!
They couldn’t see w/ He was actually accomplishing
Unbelief perverts the minds ability to perceive truth.
(1 Cor 2:14) *but the natural man receiveth not the..*
(1 Cor 1:23) *Stumblingblock/Foolishness*
(Is 55:8-9) His ways are not our ways.

Christ was not being a Hypocrite!

He was a Selfless, Sacrificing, Savior!
(2 Cor 8:9) *by His poverty, many made rich,*
(1 Thes 5:10) *Christ died for us = (Rom 5:8)*

(Jn 10:17-18)

He lived a Sinless life in front of them for nearly 28 years. (Lk 2:52-53)

His Testimony was Spotless, & they wouldn’t listen.
(Mark 6:4)

He didn’t fit their Paradigm!

Do we misjudge Christ!

Does Christ fit into the job description you wrote?

Does He fit the personal profile you're looking for?
If Jesus was on a dating app would the computer flag
His profile for you?

Would you click on it, or swipe it to pass on it?

Does He fit Our Paradigm?

When trials come we cry FOUL!

"You say you love me, but what is this?" Hypocrite!!

We misjudge Christ & what He is doing in our lives!

(1 Cor 13:11-12) ***We don't see all that is happening***
around us, we tend to judge with our eyes, instead of
our faith!

Mature Faith changes our Sight!

"When you can't see His hand, trust His Heart."
(Jer 29:11-14a)

"When you can't here His voice, trust His promises"
(1 Cor 10:13) ***"A Way Of Escape"***

This doesn't promise that we can carry this!

*"When you can't understand His answer, trust His
purpose!"*
(Rom 8:28-29)

(Luke 4:28-29) With a total lack of belief, they
judged Him to be a false prophet & a false messiah.
He could only do a few miracles here in Nazareth
because of their unbelief. (Mk 6:5-6)

There unbelief hindered Him from working miracles.
Nazareth missed the blessing of His presence
because of their unbelief.

Our Unbelief hinders God Also:

He did a few miracles, but was hindered by unbelief.

(Matt 9:28-29)

(Mk 9:23-24) ***Jesus said unto him, If thou canst
believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
24 And straightway the father of the child cried out,
and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine
unbelief.***

(Mark 11:23-24) believe ..., and ye shall have *them*.

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Do you Believe? (Heb 11:6)

What will it take for us to Believe?

Is it Jesus that needs to Change? OR US?