

V53 AFTER JESUS FINISHED THE PARABLES ON THE KINGDOM HE DEPARTED FROM THERE THE AREA AROUND CAPERNAUM

V54 JESUS HOME TOWN WAS NAZARETH THIS IS WHERE JOSEPH AND MARY WENT TO LIVE AFTER RETURNING FROM EGYPT WITH THEIR INFANT SON MATT 2:23

THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED ON THIS PARTICULAR SABBATH IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE AND JESUS BEGINS TO TEACH AND THE PEOPLE ARE ASTONISHED AND ASK WHERE DID THIS MAN GET THIS WISDOM AND THESE MIRACULOUS POWERS

LUKE 4:14-27 JESUS READS FROM THE MESSIANIC TEXT OF ISAIAH 6:1-2 AND AFTER READING THE TEXT HE SAYS TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE HAS BEEN FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING AT FIRST THE PEOPLE DID NOT REALIZE THAT JESUS WAS SPEAKING OF HIMSELF THEY WERE SPEAKING WELL OF HIM

V55-56 THEN THE PEOPLE SAY IS THIS NOT THE CARPENTER'S SON THEN JESUS REMINDS THEM IN THE DAYS OF ELISHA GOD HAD SHUT UP THE RAIN IN ISRAEL FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS AND CAUSED A GREAT FAMINE AND DURING THAT TIME THE LORD SHOWED MERCY ON NONE OF THE SUFFERING WIDOWS IN ISRAEL BUT SHOWED MERCY ON A GENTILE WIDOW

THEY COULD NOT HAVE MISSED JESUS POINT THAT GOD HAD MERCY ON A BELIEVING GENTILE RATHER THAN AN UNBELIEVING JEW THEY WANTED THE BENEFITS OF A MIRACLE WORKER BUT NOT CONVICTION OF SIN AND THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION BY JESUS THE MESSIAH

JESUS HAD COME TO SAVE THEM FROM THE PENALTY AND THE POWER OF SIN BUT THEY WERE UNWILLING TO RECEIVE HIM AS THEIR SAVIOR AND MESSIAH

THEY ONLY KNEW HIM AS A CARPENTERS SON THE SON OF MARY HIS MOTHER AND HIS BROTHERS JAMES JOSEPH SIMON AND JUDAS AND HIS SISTERS ARE THEY NOT ALL WITH US THEY WERE NOT HEARING AND BELIEVING THE TRUTH JESUS WAS TEACHING THEM THEY QUESTIONED WHERE DID THIS MAN GET ALL THESE THINGS

V57 THEY CONTINUE TO QUESTION THESE THINGS CONCERNING JESUS AND THEY TAKE OFFENSE AT HIM THEY DENIED THE LIGHT HE HAD GIVEN THEM JOHN 3:18-20

THEY DENIED HIS DIVINE NATURE AND POWER THE PERSON WHO DOES NOT ACCEPT THE LIGHT FROM GOD HE ALREADY HAS WILL NOT BELIEVE NO MATTER HOW MUCH MORE LIGHT IS GIVEN UNBELIEF DIVERTS ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE TRUTH

THEY WERE OFFENDED BY JESUS ORDINARY BACKGROUND AND KNOWING HIS FAMILY AS ORDINARY CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY THEY ALLOWED THESE THINGS TO BECOME BARRIERS TO THEIR SALVATION

WHILE SEEING THEY DID NOT SEE AND WHILE HEARING THEY DID NOT HEAR NOR DID THEY UNDERSTAND MATT 13:13

UNTIL A PERSON FACES HIS SIN IN REPENTANCE CONFESSING HIS SIN AND TURNING FROM IT THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL WILL BE HIDDEN FROM HIM

JESUS REMINDS THE PEOPLE OF A WELL KNOWN PROVERB A PROPHET IS NOT WITHOUT HONOR EXCEPT IN HIS HOME TOWN AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE HOLD

V58 JESUS DID NOT DO MANY MIRACLES THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF IT WAS NOT THAT JESUS LACKED SUPERNATURAL POWER BUT HE CHOSE TO OPERATE ONLY IN RESPONSE TO FAITH

HEB 11:6 AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM FOR HE WHO COMES TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM