



The Gospel of Matthew

“A Prophet Without Honor”

Matthew 13:53-58

And it came about that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.

And coming to His home town He began teaching in their synagogue, so that they became astonished, and said, *“Where did this man get this wisdom, and these miraculous powers?”*

Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, *“A prophet is not without honor except in his home town, and in his own household.”*

And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

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Review:

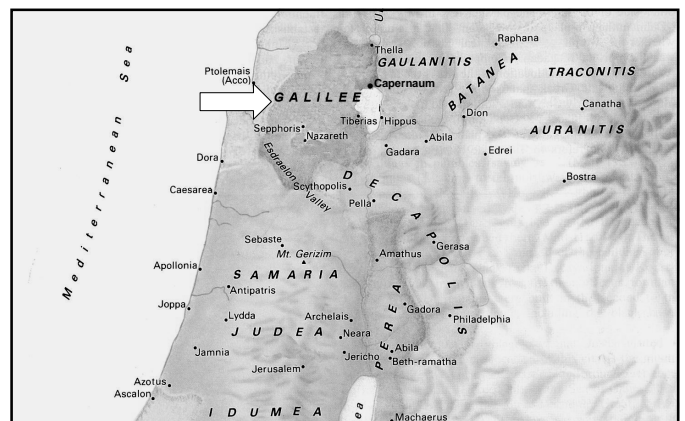
- Matthew primary purpose is to demonstrate that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, who establishes the kingdom of heaven



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Review:

1. “He shall be called a Nazarene”
 - implies that He would be unrecognized and despised
 - Jesus being from Nazareth in Galilee will be a stumbling block to many





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Review:

2. Rising disappointment and opposition
 - doubts of John the Baptist, the unrepentant cities, the hostility of the leaders
 - parables – reveals the present nature of the kingdom before its culmination



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1. The Humanity of Jesus

- He was fully human and lived authentically as a man – he had an ordinary family
- He was from an ordinary background – no privileged pedigree or formal training



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2. The Nature of Unbelief

- unbelief fails to recognize and submit to the divinity of Jesus
- unbelief is not from a lack of evidence but a love of sin



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Application

1. Do not stumble over Jesus...
 - over His authentic humanity
 - over His exclusive claims as Lord
 - over His humiliation (the cross)



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Application

2. As a follower of Jesus, expect rejection
 - we will be met with unbelief and offense
 - often from our own family