



Chapter 13:53-58

Matt. 13:53 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.

Mark's account adds an important fact...

Mark 6:1 ...and His disciples followed Him.

Matt. 13:54 When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

Matt. 13:55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?

Matt. 13:56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

Matt. 13:57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

Matt. 13:58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Observations & Discussion

1. By comparing Matthew, Mark & Luke's account of this event we can discern **where** these things happened. Matthew simply calls it "*His own country*" (vs. 54). Luke 4:16 identifies the name of the place. Where did Jesus go and why is that significant?
2. Why do you think Jesus didn't get a hero's welcome? Why were the people who knew Him so well "offended" by Him to the point that they tried to kill Him? (see Luke 4:28-30).
3. Think back to the Parables that Jesus just taught—which one of the Parables do you think best illustrates how the people in this text responded to Jesus' teaching? What was the lesson Jesus was teaching His disciples?
4. What lessons does this section teach you about your life as a Christian?
5. Matthew tells us that Jesus didn't do many miracles in His own country. What kept Him from doing the same miracles here that He had just done in Capernaum? What does that teach you about faith?
6. What else did you find interesting or insightful in this section of Matthew's Gospel?