

# **Familiarity Breeds Contempt**

Matthew 13:54-58

(series #81)

**Intro:** Jesus' first trip to his hometown of Nazareth.  
- Luke 4:16-30

**I. The Astonishment of the People (v. 54)**

- A. They didn't deny His wisdom & power
- B. Their question was one of unbelief

**II. The Recognition of His Family (vv. 55-56)**

- A. Jesus had four half-brothers
- B. He had, at least, two half-sisters
- C. Mary's children are in every gospel  
- Mark 3:31; Luke 8:19-21; John 7:5

**III. The Rejection of Jesus (v. 57)**

- A. "Scandalidzo" because of familiarity
- B. Even by some of His family
  - 1. John 7:2-5
  - 2. 1 Corinthians 15:7
- C. "A prophet is not without honor..."
  - 1. Deuteronomy 18:15
  - 2. Matt. 21:11; Luke 24:9; John 6:14;  
Luke 7:16; John 7:40

**IV. The Consequence of Rejection (v. 58)**

**Conclusion:** Guard your heart!  
- Hebrews 3:13