



SERMON NOTES

Hometown of the Heart

Pastor JD Small - August 3-4, 2019

Mark 6:1-6 (NIV)

1 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

So we see that Jesus has displayed power over:

1. The demonic, the supernatural forces of darkness
2. Long term sickness and disease
3. Death itself

MARK MAKES SURE THAT BEFORE WE SEE JESUS REJECTED IN HIS HOMETOWN, WE KNOW THAT HE IS A MIRACLE WORKER, HE IS THE MESSIAH.

Teaching Moments:

1. The parable of the Sower
2. The parable of the Weeds
3. The parable of the Mustard Seed and Yeast
4. The parable of the Hidden Treasure
5. The parable of the Pearl of Great Price
6. The parable of the Net

MATTHEW MAKES SURE THAT BEFORE WE SEE JESUS REJECTED IN HIS HOMETOWN, WE KNOW THAT HE IS A GIFTED TEACHER AND COMMUNICATOR, HE IS A WISE MAN.

Luke 4:14-22 (NIV)

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day, he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today, this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.

Luke 4:22-30 (NIV)

22 "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. 23 Jesus said to them, "Surely, you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" 24 "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time when the sky was shut for three and a half years, and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian." 28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

LUKE MAKES SURE THAT BEFORE WE SEE JESUS REJECTED IN HIS HOMETOWN, WE KNOW THAT HE IS A PROPHET AND THE PROPHESED MESSIAH.

Luke 4:22 (NIV)

22 "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Mark 6:3 (NIV)

3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Matthew 13:55-57 (NIV)

55 "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? 56 Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took offense at him.

HOMETOWNS HAVE THE PROPENSITY NEVER TO LET YOU GROW BEYOND WHAT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET ABOUT YOU.

The people in his hometown can only see him as:

- The town carpenter
- Mary's son
- A sibling of his brothers and sisters

The problem with Hometown Hearts is that they rob people of experiencing the anointing that God has placed upon our lives.

WHAT TO DO WHEN WE ENCOUNTER HOMETOWN HEARTS:

1. MOVE ON

Mark 6:6

6 He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

Luke 4:31-32

31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath, he taught the people. 32 They were amazed at his teaching because his words had authority.

2. GATHER AN INNER CIRCLE

Mark 6:7

7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

3. GET ALONE WITH GOD AND THEN GET TO SERVING

Matthew 14:13-14

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd; he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

WHAT TO DO WHEN WE HAVE A HOMETOWN HEART:

1. We have to be careful when we grow up with Jesus; it can rob us of experiencing his supernatural power in our lives.
2. You have to read all of the scripture, or you will read what reinforces your current view of Jesus.
3. You have to choose to worship him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.