

In His Own Country



Luke 4:22–32 · This week: The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me, Matthew 4; Luke 4–5

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START

The people of Nazareth wondered at Jesus’s words. Then they asked, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” (Luke 4:22).

READ TOGETHER

They had watched him grow up in their town as the carpenter’s son (Matthew 13:55). It was hard for them to accept that someone so familiar could teach with such power.

LUKE 4:24

²⁴ And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

LUKE 4:28–30

²⁸ And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹ And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. ³⁰ But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

WHAT IT TEACHES

Jesus said, “No prophet is accepted in his own country” (Luke 4:24). He reminded them that Elijah was sent to a widow in Sarepta and Elisha healed Naaman the Syrian, both outsiders, while many in Israel went without (Luke 4:25–27).

The crowd was so angry that they took him to the edge of the hill their town was built on, to

throw him off (Luke 4:28–29). “But he passing through the midst of them went his way” (Luke 4:30).

In Capernaum, another town in Galilee, people “were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power” (Luke 4:31–32). The same Jesus was rejected in one town and welcomed in the next.

Familiar things can be easy to overlook. Prayer, the sacrament, and the scriptures can start to feel ordinary, and the Savior still speaks through each of them.

TALK ABOUT IT

The people of Nazareth knew Jesus too well to see who he was. What familiar blessing in our lives might we be overlooking?

TAKE TO CHURCH

Nazareth knew Jesus only as Joseph’s son, and they rejected him. Things we see every week, like the sacrament, can still bring us to the Savior if we look closely.