**JESUS CAN’T DO A MIGHTY WORK**

**Matthew 13:53-58**

[**53**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-53/)**And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.** [**54**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-54/)**And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works?** [**55**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-55/)**Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?**

[**56**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-56/)**And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this *man* all these things?** [**57**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-57/)**And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.** [**58**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-58/)**And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*A year before this occurred, Jesus went to Nazareth where he preached in the synagogue and was rejected (Luke 4:16-22, 28-30). Here is what we find in that text:**

**1. They Rejected His Preaching**

**Luke 4:28-29** [**28**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-4-28/) **And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,** [**29**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-4-29/) **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.**

**2. They Rejected His Person**

**Luke 4:22 And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?**

**\*\*They did not accept Him as God the Son nor as God the Savior!**

**3. They Rejected His Power**

**\*\*Jesus was preaching about the power he possesses.**

**Luke 4:18, 21** [**18**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-4-18/) **The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

[**21**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-4-21/) **And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

**\*\*Jesus couldn’t do a mighty work in their midst in Luke 4 because they had rejected Him!**

**\*\*About a year later, Jesus came to Nazareth again after He had been rejected – That’s called grace!! Once again here in Matthew 13, He couldn’t do a mighty work because once again they rejected Him!**

**\*\*When you reject the Lord, He can’t do mighty works in your life, and if you keep on rejecting the Lord, then He will just leave you alone and let you go on to hell!**

**\*\*If we really want the Lord to do a mighty work among his people, then let’s learn this lesson well and make sure we don’t make the same mistake Nazareth made!**

**\*\*So let us look at why Jesus Can’t Do A Mighty Work among us!**

**I. IN NAZARETH, THE WORSHIP WASN’T PRESENT**

**\*\*They had a Synagogue, but they didn’t have a Savior! Why?**

 **A. Because their Heads didn’t trust in His Wisdom!**

**Matthew 13:54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom . . .**

 **1. They didn’t Accept Christ’s Information!**

 **2. They didn’t Acknowledge Christ’s Intelligence!**

**\*\*There’s a lot of churches meeting today, but that doesn’t mean they are worshipping the Lord! Some churches don’t trust Christ’s Information in the KJV Bible! Some churches don’t trust Christ’s Intelligence to lead and guide them!**

**\*\*If we don’t trust the Lord’s Wisdom, then we won’t be worshipping Him!**

 **B. Because their Hearts didn’t trust in His Works**

**Matthew 13:54 Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works?**

 **1. They didn’t believe in His Mighty Miraculous Works!**

 **2. They didn’t believe in His Mighty Marvelous Works!**

**\*\*How can anybody expect Christ to do a mighty work in their life if they don’t believe the mighty works He has done for others?**

**\*\*How in the world can we claim we worship Him when we doubt His mighty works?**

**\*\*If you doubt or just don’t believe the stories of the Bible and all that God did, then I doubt that you’ve ever been saved! You can’t even worship if you are not saved!**

 **C. Because their Hope didn’t trust in His Words**

**Matthew 13:57** [**57**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-57/)**And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.**

**\*\*Like others in that day, they were hoping for the Savior to come, but it surely wasn’t this Jesus. When He said He was God’s son, His words offended them and offended their hope!**

 **1. Christ wasn’t Honorable in their sight!**

 **2. Christ wasn’t Holy in their sight!**

**\*\*There’s many assemblies that do not honor Christ nor count Him holy, and therefore, he does not do mighty works among them! You can tell who these folks are simply because their lives do not honor Christ, and they do not live holy unto the Lord. If they did, they would be worshipping the Lord instead of playing church!**

**\*\*If there is no true Worship, then Jesus can’t do a mighty work!**

**II. IN NAZARETH, THE WONDER WASN’T PRESENT**

**\*\*In other words, Christ was not wondrous to them because . . .**

 **A. Christ wasn’t the Son of God to them**

 **1. To them He was just another Simple Soul**

 **2. To them He was just another Simple Story**

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**\*\*In other words, they were saying that the Lord was nothing special and certainly nothing spiritual. To them He wasn’t the Son of God, he was just a simple soul with another simple story!**

**\*\*No wonder there’s no power in the church and no praise and no prayers being answered or mighty works happening! It’s because we have stopped believing Christ is wondrous and wonderful and hold Him up as the Son of God!**

 **B. Christ wasn’t the Salvation of God to them.**

**\*\*Remember when Jesus was a baby and Simeon held Christ and stated that he was holding the Salvation of God? Well, this crowd Jesus was preaching to didn’t believe that story!**

**\*\*Simeon was in absolute wondrous amazement when he held Christ because he knew Christ was Special, Spirit-filled, and Salvation!**

 **1. This Nazareth Crowd Lacked Faith**

 **a. Their Souls were not filled with faith believing Christ as Savior!**

 **b. Their Synagogue was not filled with faith believing Christ as Supreme!**

 **2. This Nazareth Crowd Lacked Focus**

 **a. They weren’t Holy because they didn’t focus on His Glory!**

 **b. They weren’t Humble because they didn’t focus on His Greatness!**

**\*\*He didn’t mean much to this worldly crowd, but He sure means the world to this Christian!**

**\*\*If we don’t look at Christ as wondrous, then Jesus can’t do a mighty work!**

**III. IN NAZARETH, THE WILLINGNESS WASN’T PRESENT**

 **A. They were Unwilling to change their Attitude**

**\*\*Their attitude was an unwilling attitude to believe upon the Lord.**

**\*\*When our attitude is unwilling to believe, it hinders the Church, Christ, and Christians from seeing the Lord’s mighty work!**

**\*\*If we’re going to see Jesus do a mighty work, we better change our attitude toward Christ and the Church.**

 **B. They were Unwilling to change their Actions**

 **1. They took no action to Acknowledge Him.**

 **2. They took no action to Accept Him.**

 **3. They took no action to Adore Him.**

**\*\*Believers in prison and in foreign countries take more action to Acknowledge Him, Accept Him, and Adore Him than most American Christian church members.**

**\*\*If we’re going to see Christ do a mighty work, we better change our actions toward Christ and start acknowledging Him, accepting Him, and adoring Him!**

 **C. They were Unwilling to change their Affections**

 **1. They didn’t like Christ and didn’t like being around Him.**

 **2. They didn’t love Christ and didn’t love being around Him.**

**\*\*In case we have forgotten, Christ is why we come to church!**

**\*\*Not everybody that goes to church is going because they like Christ or love Christ! Some folk had rather do anything around the church as long as it doesn’t involve having church or worshipping the Lord!**

**\*\*If some folks don’t get willing to change their Attitude, their Actions, or their Affections toward Christ, then Jesus can’t do a mighty work in their life.**

**\*\*It’s those kind of folks that fall out of church completely or find a church where they can go play church.**

**CLOSE**

**Mark 6:6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief.**

**\*\* Marvel means to be amazed and surprised by what is happening.**

**\*\*There’s only two times the bible tells us that Jesus marveled.**

 **1. He marveled when Faith was Great.**

**\*\*This was when the centurion in Matthew 8 asked Jesus to come heal his servant.**

 **2. He marveled when Faith was Gone.**

**\*\*This was when the people of Nazareth refused to believe what Jesus preached and who Jesus was.**

**\*\*I wonder if there’s times the Lord looks down on us and sees our lack of faith and begins to shake his head as He marvels at our unbelief?**

**\*\*I know this. If we don’t believe the Lord and trust the Lord, He will not do a mighty work in our life nor in our church!**

**\*\*I also know that we see the Lord do a mighty work in us and through us and for us, we have to believe Him enough to start Worshipping Him, and making Him Wondrous, and be Willing to do whatever He wants us to do. We’ve got to trust Jesus once again church!**

**\*\*Will you come and believe Christ and ask Him to do a mighty work in your life and in this church?**

**\*\*Jesus can’t do a mighty work if we do not believe Him and trust Him!**