



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 13: 54-58

Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said,
"Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds?
Is he not the carpenter's son?
Is not his mother named Mary
and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?
Are not his sisters all with us?
Where did this man get all this?"
And they took offense at him.
But Jesus said to them,
"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place
and in his own house."
And he did not work many mighty deeds there
because of their lack of faith.

Our Scripture Reflection

The old saying, "Familiarity breeds contempt", is applicable to our Gospel text. Having spoken to the hometown crowd, Jesus encountered not praise, but rather, hostility and rejection. He was too much for their narrow-minded thinking. And because of their hard-heartedness, He would perform no miracle amongst them. Instead, He went to the outsiders who received Him with joy. What a sad irony!

Food for your Journey

The problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are so sure of themselves, while wise men are full of doubt.

--Bertrand Russell.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Even though so many people do not know You, I know You and love You with all of my heart. Strengthen my faith and help me to be an ardent witness to Your Presence. Amen.