Jesus In His Own Country

Matthew 13:53-58 (Luke 4:14-32)

Intro:

A. **There are many questions that one can ask in regard to the home life of Jesus.**
   1. Every answer would be speculation.
   2. Surely He would have been ideal and without sin in every relationship.

B. **We do have information about the "home town" Jesus, what His fiends and neighbors thought of Him.**
   1. These truths are revealed n the Bible.
   2. They seem to be timeless in their application.

I. Jesus Goes To His Own Country.

   A. **"And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence." V.53**
      1. finished = τελεω = "fulfill", "complete," "end"
      2. When Jesus had concluded this group of parables He withdrew from the place of teaching.

   B. **"...and when he was come into his own country..." v.54a**
      1. own country = πατρις = "one's own native place," "home."
      2. "and coming into his own city..." – Rhm

II. Jesus Teaches In His Hometown.

   A. **"...he taught them in the synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished..." v.54b**
      1. taught = διδασκω = "to give instruction"
      2. astonished = εκπλησσομαι = "to be driven out of one's senses by a sudden shock"
      3. See Luke 4:28-29.

   B. **The hometown people ask questions. V.54c**
      1. Where did this man get His wisdom?

2. Where did He get power to do these mighty works?

3. What mighty works? The ones done at other places.

C. The objections to His success. V.55
   1. "Is not this the carpenters son?"
   2. "Is not his mother called Mary?"
   3. "Aren't his brothers James, Joses, Simon, Judas?
   4. "And his sisters, are they not all with us?" **v.56**
   5. "Whence then hath this man all these things?"

D. "…And they were offended in him."   .v57
   1. <u>offended</u> = σκανδαλιζω = "to give scandal"
   2. "So they were repelled by Him" – Mof

III. <u>The Answer Of Jesus.</u>

A. "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house." V.57b
   1. <u>honor</u> = ατιμος = "without respect, esteem"
   2. <u>country</u> = (same as I,B,1).
   3. Mark 6:1-6 (vs.4)

B. "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." V.58
   1. <u>mighty</u> = δυναμις = inherent power
   2. <u>unbelief</u> = απιστια = "unbelief"
   3. Jesus could do anything he wanted, whether people believed or not. He did not for truth's sake. Pearls and swine.