

WHAT DOES DEADLY UNBELIEF LOOK LIKE?
Lessons from a home town visit from the living God in flesh
Matthew 13:53-58

- I. UNBELIEF IS FOUNDED IN A REJECTION OF HIS WORD: Jesus graciously comes and teaches in His home town and is rejected (53-54a, 57-58)**
 - A. Jesus comes to His own home town and teaches and is rejected (53-54a, 57-58)

 - B. What did Jesus teach and why did they reject it? Learn from a previous visit (Luke 4:16-30, John 3:17-21)

- II. THE DIVERSION OF UNBELIEF: Their amazed yet diversionary response to His teaching reveals their deadly unbelief and rejection of Christ (54b-56)**
 - A. A question that reveals they are in their hard hearted blindness are ignoring the obvious (54b)

 - B. A diversion to the familiar and unimportant reveals their willing unbelief (55-56)

- III. THE RESULT OF UNBELIEF: Eternally stumbling over Christ (57a, misc. passages)**
 - A. The result of unbelief: They were continually offended, stumbled by His teaching (57a)

 - B. The peril of stumbling over Christ (Matt 11:6. Isa 8:13-15, Rom. 9:27-33, 1Pet. 2:4-8)

- IV. GOD'S RESPONSE TO UNBELIEF: Jesus Rebukes and Retracts from them (57b-58)**