



## Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

Luke 4:14-30

**MAIN POINT: JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE SCRIPTURES TELL ABOUT HIM.**

Jesus went to His hometown, Nazareth. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue like He usually did.

Jesus stood up to read Scripture. He unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me. He has chosen Me to tell good news to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives that they are free, to tell the blind that they can see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that the Lord's favor is on us." Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

Jesus said, "Today as you listened to Me reading these words, they came true."

The people said good things about Jesus, and they were amazed at Him. But some of the people in Nazareth had known Jesus from His youth. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said, "No prophet is accepted in his hometown." Jesus reminded the people of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. When there was a terrible famine in Israel, God sent Elijah to help a widow in another land.

And when Elisha was a prophet, many people in Israel had leprosy. But Elisha did not heal them. Instead, he healed a man named Naaman from Syria.

The people listening to Jesus in the synagogue became angry. They forced Jesus out of town.

*Christ Connection: Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God's plan to send a Messiah. He would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah's words and told everyone who was listening that He is the promised Messiah.*

### MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who did Jesus say He is? Jesus said He is the Messiah.

### BIBLE STORY:

#### JESUS REJECTED IN NAZARETH

- Jesus visited the synagogue of His hometown, Nazareth.
- Jesus explained that the Scriptures tell about Him.
- The people became angry when He reminded them that God's plan is for gentiles too.
- Jesus passed through the crowd unharmed though they wanted to kill Him.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think the people of Nazareth wanted to see miracles?
- Why do you think they rejected Jesus?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Share with your kids stories about your childhood. If possible, plan a trip to your hometown and discuss how it feels to return as a grown-up.