

## MESSAGE FROM THE WORD

Luke 4:14-30

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- If it seems too ... I doubt it!

### What About My Jesus Doubts? Or “Isn’t This Joseph’s Son?”

#### 1. Local Boy Makes Good

- Amazing reputation from afar

- Miracles

*14 Jesus returned to Galilee in **the power of the Spirit**, and news about him **spread** through the whole countryside.*

- Teachings

*15 He taught in their synagogues, and **everyone praised him**.*

- More amazing personal claims

*18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”*

*20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, “**Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**”*

#### 2. Local Boy Goes Loco

- Local reputation

*22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.*

- Doubts creeping in

*“Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.*

- Ungracious words

*23 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! **Do here** in your hometown **what** we have heard that **you did** in Capernaum.’”*

- Ungracious examples

- Elijah and widow of Zarephath
- Elisha and Naaman the Syrian leper

*24 “I tell you the truth,” he continued, “**no prophet is accepted in his hometown.**”*

- When doubts about Jesus play out

*28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. 30 **But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.***