

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Unbelieving Assumptions* (Matthew 13:53-58)

**Summary:** Abandon your faulty assumptions and fight for faith in Christ Jesus.

**Don't let your assumptions keep you from saving faith. Five false assumptions:**

### **1. He doesn't have the right power source (vv. 53-54)**

- Jesus had been teaching about His kingdom and performing many works that amazed the people of Nazareth, yet they still questioned where His power and wisdom came from. This supernatural power could only have come from God or Satan. How can we tell this power that Jesus demonstrates is from God?

### **2. He doesn't have the right credentials (v. 55a)**

- The people of Nazareth rejected Jesus because He was just the carpenter's son. He wasn't raised by a king, didn't attend seminary, or have an internship. He was just like them, yet spoke with authority.
- Does it bother you that Jesus didn't come from the culturally elite in His day? Does it bother you that the culturally elite of today generally reject Jesus?

### **3. He doesn't have the right family (vv. 55b-56a)**

- Jesus' family wasn't special, they were no better than us. The people of Nazareth assumed that the Messiah would have a different family line. Reading John 7:5, His family didn't even believe in Him. We read in Matthew 12:47 that the Church is Jesus' family.
- The world views Christians as hypocrites because of the assumption that we should be perfect like Jesus was and they see sin throughout our lives and on social media. How is your faith affected by the failures of Jesus' family (church brothers and sisters) to live up to Christ's standard?

### **4. He doesn't have the right authority (v. 56b)**

- They questioned His authority, because if they didn't authorize Him to do this, then God certainly didn't. Do you think Jesus had the authority to do and say those things? Are you willing to accept Jesus' authority, or only the loving Jesus? How does it make you feel when you hear of these things that Jesus said that may be considered controversial in today's world?

### **5. He doesn't have the right to my trust (vv. 57-58)**

- The people of Nazareth were offended by Him, and were filled with wrath toward Him. They wanted a messiah, just not this one. Read Jeremiah 11. How was Jeremiah treated?
- Jesus ultimately decided to oblige them and give them over to their unbelieving hearts by not performing any mighty works. How can you overcome some, or all, of these assumptions about Jesus?