

# Matthew 13:53-14:12

Gospel of the Messiah & His Kingdom Come

## Jesus: Contempt and Confusion

Time and time again Jesus displayed the power of God at work in him. These undeniable mighty works were to convince people that he was indeed the promised Messiah King.

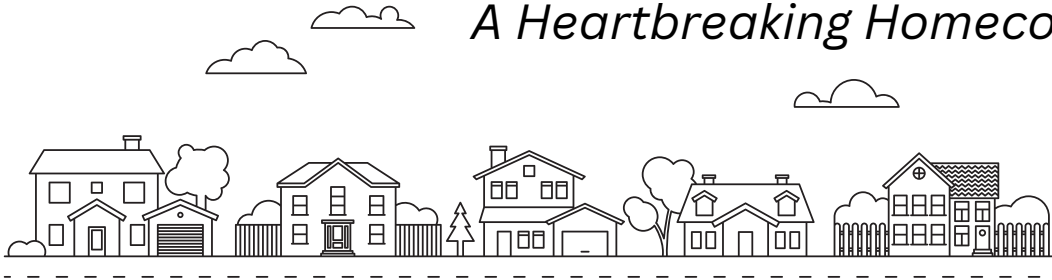
**They were the evidence given when John the Baptizer doubted.**

**They forced the Pharisees to accept or reject his claims.**

**So, how would his “home crowd” respond?**

**How will Herod, who has only heard of him, respond?**

*A Heartbreaking Homecoming*



We see the old proverb **“familiarity breeds contempt”** prove true in Nazareth.  
Where do we see it in our culture?

## Notes

Even Herod Antipas was forced to make a decision about who Jesus was.  
Jesus' miracles were impossible to ignore.



“John The Baptizer Risen”  
“The Messiah”

“A Prophet”  
“Demon Empowered”

C. S. Lewis framed this dilemma for us this way:

Either: Jesus was a **liar** falsely claiming to be God

OR: Jesus was a **lunatic** falsely believing he was God

OR: Jesus was/is God and his claims are true

## Notes

### NEWS & NEEDS

**Business Meeting Today, November 2, 4:00 pm.** Bring a finger-food to share!

**F.A.T.H.E.R.S. Group:** Every other Thursday 6-7:30 pm. Next Meeting Nov 6.

**Baptism Class:** Begins November 9th, 10 am, Upstairs Conference. No Sign Ups Required!

**Crown Financial Class:** Begins November 9th, 10 am, Room 1. Text Jeff McIntee to sign up: (760) 822-6785

**Operation Christmas Child:** Begins November 9th. \$25.00 to pack a box on the patio between services.

**BSF 4 Week Mini-Study: The Book of Ezra.** Begins Nov 11/12. See website

**VOM Needs:** Disposable antiseptic wipes, individually wrapped.

**The Security Team is looking for a few volunteers!** Must be over 21. Text Jeff McEntee at (760) 822-6785.