

JESUS TAUGHT THE BIBLE TO HIS HOMETOWN PEOPLE

Matthew 13:53-14:12

Key Verse: 13:54

"Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?' they asked."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 13:53-58. Where did Jesus go first when he came home? Why? When Jesus taught the Bible to his hometown people what was the first response? Why?
2. Why did they take offense at him? How did Jesus view this? Why did their lack of faith hinder his work?
3. Read 14:1-12. When King Herod heard about the work of Jesus, what was his reaction? Why? What kind of man was Herod? In what sense was he a slave?
4. Why did Herod not want to kill John? How and why did he do so? What can we learn here about the fruits of an immoral life?
5. Who was John the Baptist? What was his mission? (Jn 1:29; Isa 40:3-5) How did John show himself to be faithful to his mission? What reveals John's true freedom? What did it cost for him to fulfill his mission? What did he gain?