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Matthew Henry begins this chapter by saying, a great variety of observable passages we have in this chapter concerning our Lord Jesus. Here Christ the Messiah is treated with contempt by his countrymen, because He was one of them, and they knew, or thought they knew his origin.

¹ **And He went out from there** / it seems Jesus had been teaching and healing... around the Galilean communities,

and came to his own country; and his disciples / his *mathetes*; those students doing their math that He called first,

follow him / this word: *akoloutheo*; used 92 times in the NT, G. Campbell Morgan points out this word best means: **accompanied**, or **joined** Him; *keleuthos* means: a way being traveled... where: *katakoloutheo* means... to follow behind -- this last word used to suggest tentative or hesitant behavior.

and His disciples eagerly joined him.

² **And when the sabbath day was come** / so we're learning about the time between Friday at sunset and Saturday at sunset. The covenant God made with His people at the creation of Adam and Eve; was affirmed to Moses and the children of Israel at **Mount Sinai in Arabia**, when God wrote with His own finger: *Keep the Sabbath day, and keep it holy*; 6 days we can work... but the 7th day is to remember the great Creator, our Father in heaven – **Deuteronomy 5**,

And when the sabbath day was come,

He began to teach in the synagogue / in **Matthew 13:53-58**, we read similarly about this incident; whereas in **Luke 4:16-30**, we read an elaboration, filling in several details.

From *Jamison, Fausset and Brown Commentary* © 1871... on **Luke 4** we read:

The visit to Nazareth recorded in Matthew and Mark, we take not to be a later visit but the same, because we cannot believe that the Nazarenes, after being so enraged at His *first* display of wisdom as to attempt His destruction, should, on a *second* display of the same, wonder at it and ask how He came by it, as if they had never witnessed it before.

As his custom was... stood up to read – others besides rabbis were allowed to address the congregation. To have fixed on any passage announcing His *sufferings* (as **Isaiah 53** would have been unsuitable at the early stage of His ministry). But He selects a passage announcing the sublime object of His whole mission, its Divine character, and His special endowments for it; expressed in the first person, and so singularly adapted to *the opening of the mouth*, that it seems as if made expressly for this occasion.



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From the well-known section of Isaiah's prophecies whose burden is that mysterious SERVANT OF THE LORD, despised of man, abhorred of the nation, but before whom kings on seeing Him are to arise, and princes to worship; His visage was marred more than any man, His form more than the sons of men, yet sprinkling many nations; seemingly laboring in vain, spending His strength in vain, yet, the LORD's SERVANT of Jacob to be His SALVATION to the ends of the earth -- [Isaiah 42, 49](#).

And there was delivered to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He opened the book, He found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me / the first words have been noticed since the days of the early Church leaders, as an illustrious example of *Father, Son and Holy Spirit* being exhibited as in distinct yet harmonious action in the scheme of salvation,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me...

because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor;

He sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And He closed the book, and gave it again to the minister / the synagogue officer,
and sat down.

And the eyes of all of them

who were in the synagogue were fastened on him / in Greek: *atenizo*...always meaning... to look intently, to stare intensively. In addition, [Luke 4](#): records that Jesus reminded the Nazarenes of 2 incidents, one with Elijah, and one with Elisha.

And He began to say to them,

This day... this scripture is fulfilled in your ears.

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and many hearing him were astonished / in Greek: *explezzo*; literally, to strike intensively... now days we might say: slapped upside the head. Many sitting there... going through their rather boring weekly routine; half paying attention... were shocked with what they heard Jesus say,

And slapped awake... many started

saying / questions like,

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From where has this ___ / and fill in the blank: this man, this teacher, this genius... this bleep!

From where has this ___ get these things? / said differently, What school did this guy go to? What seminary did he graduate from? He didn't attend our denominational institution!

Others were saying...

and what is this wisdom which is given him / What is this insight that He teaches us? This is not taught in any of our schools!

and even such mighty works / the *dunamis*, powerful works... where we get our word for dynamite

and such power that is worked... by his hands?

³ Is this not the carpenter / so the local community clearly recognized Jesus as someone familiar... who lived... in their town.

Already in Mark 3:21 we read: **Friends**... went out to lay hold on him; for they said, *He is beside himself* – the word is: *existemi*... it literally means: **he is standing out**; or, **he is out of his mind**! But what is more interesting is the word for **friends**: it is **not** *philos*; it is **not** *hetairos*... words used for friends and companions. The phrase is: *hoi para autos*... meaning: **the ones belonging to him**. Well, that would be his family, some of them **belonging to him**...perhaps, James the oldest half-brother thought Jesus was a little... out of his mind; a little crazy!

Is this not the carpenter?

the son of Mary / who, from an early age, *rejoiced in God her Savior*; Mary needed a Savior and He lived in heaven; he definitely did not live in Rome; she would be about 45 years old at the time of this sabbath service; bible chroniclers assume her husband Joseph was already dead,

the brother of James / who never followed Jesus during his days on earth; but at least he followed his mother to the synagogue; he would be next oldest, perhaps 27 or 28 years old,

and Joses / often translated Joseph, another unknown younger brother,

and Jude / who wrote the second to the last letter of the New Testament; this young brother actually followed the Lord and was at the Passover supper, the night Jesus was betrayed. In **John 14:22**, we read, Jude asked: *Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us and not to the world?* This younger brother had been paying attention! Matthew, who we know was good with numbers... lists Jude last, so perhaps, Jude was the youngest of Mary's sons. Typical of the youngest one who admired his oldest brother most; Jude ignored or at least bypassed... much of the grumbings and sibling rivalry of James, Joseph and Simon; he was paying attention to Jesus!

and Simon / another brother whom we know nothing about?

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and are not his sisters / and since this phrase is plural, it indicates at least 2 sisters. So, it appears from this verse, the once virgin Mary... faithful to God, lived out a typical abundant life, giving birth to at least 6 more children; who also, were attending this sabbath service, living with them there in Nazareth... until *the disciple whom Jesus loved*... took her from the cross to his home... to be his new mother, caring for her the rest of his life. Isn't it interesting? Jesus did not entrust her to any of these kids; but rather to the disciple He loved! Reading the scripture is so interesting... isn't it?

Is this not the carpenter?

The son of Mary, the brother of James, and Jude, and Jose, and Simon?

and are not his sisters... here with us?

And they / the community in Nazareth...

were offended at him / the Greek word is: *skandalizo*; where we get our word: scandalized... meaning they were shocked, outraged, horrified, and greatly offended.

Luke 4 we read...

And He said to them,

You will surely say to Me this proverb:

Physician heal yourself / which is somewhat similar to our saying: **Charity begins at home:**

Physician heal yourself:

whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in your country / in other words: strange rumors have reached our ears of Your doings at Capernaum; but if such power truly resides in You to cure the ills of humanity, why has none of it yet come nearer home, and why is all this alleged power reserved for strangers?

⁴But Jesus, said to them, A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own relatives, and in his own house / in his own family; perhaps at this point, Jesus then added to His message; and being led by the Spirit... spoke about Elijah... and Elisha (read about that in [Luke 4:25-27](#)).

And further shocked by what they heard, we read...

And all they... in the synagogue / and does that ALL... include mother Mary? Or, at least some of the brothers? And sisters, too?

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And all... in the synagogue when they heard these things, were filled with wrath. And rose up, and threw Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw Him down headlong.

But passing through the midst of them, He went his way.

And Mark writes...

⁵ And there He could do **no mighty work** / the *dunamis*, the powerful works... without faith – in Greek = *apistis*... it is impossible, literally, there is no power... to please God – **Hebrews 11**,



except that He laid his hands...

on a few sick folks and healed

them / and knowing Jesus, these words express Him as He rapidly passed through the crowds... always in search of anyone, even one... still paying attention... with good or bad faith, just seeking to find anyone... no matter how weak or feeble, who had come and exercised their faith.

⁶ **And He marveled** / He wondered. Luke writes: *they wondered... at the gracious words He spoke*, but they obviously could not make the connection;

He marvelled... because of their unbelief / their *apisteou*; to Jesus, their lack of faith was amazing.

And He went around the villages, teaching.

Jesus didn't quit! He just kept going... doing what He did... before He showed up to Nazareth: teaching... the kingdom of God is present... for those who would reach out in faith... and grab it!

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