



## ***“Hometown Pride”***

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***Introduction*** – *Jesus arrives back in His hometown of Nazareth to preach, and most everyone took offense at Him.*

### ***I. Who Takes Offense at Jesus?***

- A. The word “offense” is a key word in this passage.
  - 1. It’s the Greek word skandalon, from which we get the word “scandal.”
  - 2. “To take offense” meant to viscerally reject someone.
  
- B. Everywhere Jesus went people took offense at Him.
  - 1. The Scribes and the Pharisees (Mark 3).
  
  - 2. The Herodians (Mark 3).
  
  - 3. The working class people in Nazareth. (Mark 6)
  
- C. Jesus offended everybody, but for different reasons.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. Jesus prepared His followers for this.

### ***II. Why Jesus is Offensive.***

- A. Jesus was too familiar and ordinary.
  
  
  
- B. There were many specific reasons people took offense at Jesus, but all of them can be boiled to one thing: Pride!
  
  
  
- C. The example of Naaman (II Kings 5).

### ***III. Limiting God’s Works of Grace.***

- A. Taking offense at Jesus because of our pride will always limit the blessings of grace that God wants to give us through faith in Jesus.
  
  
  
- B. Jesus made it clear that it was faith in Him that brought His healing and grace to people.
  
  
  
- C. People were amazed at what Jesus said and did.
  
  
  
- D. There are only two times in the Gospels where Jesus was amazed.
  - 1. Mark 6:5-6
  - 2. Luke 7:9
  
  
  
- E. Jesus gave us a beatitude about taking offense at Him. (Matthew 11:4-6)

### ***Conclusion***