



○ LITTLE TOWN

“How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv’n
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His
heav’n.

No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ
enters in.”

- Phillips Brooks



MERCY FOR MEEK SOULS

Luke 4:20-30



VSS. 20-21

Their eyes were fastened on Him as he said,
“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

In other words, “I am the Messiah, the long-awaited
One sent from God to deliver His people.”

A HOMETOWN HERO? VSS. 22-23

“All spoke well of Him...” (Matt. 15:8)

“Isn't this Joseph's son?”

Jesus saw right through their flattering – and veiled – speech. And he sees through ours...




VSS. 24-26

“No prophet is accepted in his hometown”
(For Jesus, Nazareth See 4:16)

Consider

Elijah (1 Kings 17:1, 7ff; James 5:17-18)

Elisha (2 Kings 5)



Both the widow of Zarephath and Naaman were Gentiles, yet both received the mercy and grace of God ahead of God's chosen (who were in an extended period of disobedience and unbelief)

When Jesus struck a nerve, rather than humbly seeking forgiveness and reconciliation they sought to get rid of Him

Perhaps the first time, but certainly not the last.

Others would simply turn and walk away (John 6:60ff)

What has become your 'go to' response when you come across hard teaching of Jesus? (I mean, He has already proven one cannot do away with Him!)


Stop with Scripture reading?

Or read exclusively from the 'safe' passages?



Keep prayer at the surface level? one-sided? brief?

Avoid accountability and the fellowship of other
believers?



“O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today...”