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Sermon Notes

Luke 4:22-30

“The Unacceptability of Jesus”

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Luke 4:22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" **23.** And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." **24.** And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. **25.** But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, **26.** and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. **27.** And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." **28.** When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. **29.** And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. **30.** But passing through their midst, he went away.

I. A Prophetic Sermon by Jesus in Nazareth

- A. A three-fold message.
- B. The people's reaction.
- C. Doubt creeps in.

II. “Physician, Heal Thyself”

- A. A common aphorism.
- B. The difficulty of a boy who returns home.

III. Two “Random” People

A. A widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16).

B. A Syrian general (2 Kings 5:1-14).

IV. The People’s Reaction

A. Filled with wrath.

B. Ready to commit murder.

V. Jesus’ Purpose in His Lesson

A. Israel had lost its way.

B. Re-teaching God’s purpose.

VI. An Aspect of Jesus’ Ministry

A. Destroying a wall of hostility.

B. Producing one new man.

VII. Application