

## Thought for the day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

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Bible reading: Mark 6:1-6

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” - Mark 6:4

Jesus comes to his home town, and does what He does in any town he visits. However, the people, do not welcome his ministry. They take offense at Him. Their issue seems to be over familiarity and or perhaps jealousy. Jesus and his family had grown up in the village. They knew him. They may have even helped to baby sit for him on occasion! He was a tradesman among others. He was one of them. What special qualification does He possess to teach them? How can He be a miracle worker? Looking at Jesus from this perspective, it was very difficult for them to put their faith in Him.

This is something that can affect all of us, easily. We can become over familiar with Jesus to the extent that His radical hopeful message can get lost. We can limit Him to work and speak according to our limited experience of life.

May God give us fresh insight each day, and expand our expectations, by his Holy Spirit, and may we draw near to Him with open and expectant hearts.

Amen.