



THE ROAD FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST 3

Avoid the Tragedy of Unbelief

Read Matthew 13:53-58

“He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.”

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This is one of the saddest verses in the Bible. It is the account of Jesus going to His hometown to teach. When people heard Him, they were astonished. However, their astonishment did not lead them to respond to His teaching in obedience and faith. Their lives could have been radically changed for the better. Their community could have been radically changed. However, no positive changes occurred in the people or the town of Nazareth.

Why? The Scripture gives the reason, “Because of their unbelief.”

Unbelief shuts the door on the transformational power of Jesus. Faith opens the floodgates to that same transformational power. In contrast to this passage of Scripture are countless others where Jesus worked miracles in response to the faith present in the lives of people. (Read Matthew 9:2; 9:22; 15:28; Mark 10:52; Luke 8:48)

When Jesus looks **at your** life what does He see? An attitude of faith or unbelief? Do you believe Jesus can do a work of renewal **in your life**?

When Jesus looks at the life of **our church** what does he see? Do you believe Jesus can do a work of renewal and revitalization **in our church**?

Do you believe He will? Do you believe that to the extent you are praying for Jesus to bring renewal to **your life** and to the life of **our church**?

Motive for prayer:

If your unbelief is a roadblock to Jesus working in your life and in the life of our church, confess the sin of unbelief. Ask God to strengthen your faith in Him. (Mark 9:24)

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