

# Steadfast

Matthew 13:53

## Rejection

- When Jesus had finished these parables,
  - he moved on from there.
    - coming to his hometown
      - he began teaching in their synagogue

## Rejection

- they were amazed
  - Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?

## Rejection

- Isn't this the carpenter's son?
- Isn't his mother's name Mary?
- ...his brothers...his sisters?

## Rejection

- Where then did this man get all these things?
- And they took offense at him.

## Rejection

- Only in his hometown
  - and in his own house
    - is a prophet without honor.
  - He did not do many miracles there
    - because of their lack of faith.

## Injustice

- Herod heard reports about Jesus
  - said...
    - This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead!
- That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.

## Injustice

- Herod had arrested John
  - put him in prison
    - because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.
- for John had been saying
  - It is not lawful for you to have her.

## Injustice

- Herod wanted to kill John
  - but he was afraid of the people,
    - because they considered him a prophet.

## Injustice

- the daughter of Herodias
  - pleased Herod so much
    - that he promised with an oath
      - to give her whatever she asked

## Injustice

- The king was distressed
  - but because of his oaths and his dinner guests
    - he ordered that her request be granted

## Injustice

- John's disciples came and took his body and buried it.
- Then they went and told Jesus.

## Compassion

- When Jesus heard what had happened,
  - he withdrew
    - privately
    - to a solitary place

## Compassion

- the crowds followed him
  - Jesus...saw a large crowd,
    - had compassion on them
    - healed their sick

## Steadfast

- You will experience rejection.
  - Even those closest to you may be offended.
  - Many will refuse to believe.

## Steadfast

- You will experience injustice.
  - People will misunderstand who you are.
  - Many will lash out against the truth.

## Steadfast

- Remain steadfast.
  - Find strength in your life with God.
  - Continually show compassion to the world.