

Who owns Christ?

^ Luke 4:20-30

Example

F1: Max Verstappen and Netherlands

Dutch people proud if Verstappen wins

Even if they cannot drive themselves

Intro

Today's story is continuation from last week

Jesus proclamation that he is the Messiah

By reading prophecy of Isaiah

And proclaiming: it has come to fulfillment

And you (Nazareth) are witnesses of these things

The response of Nazareth

The were proud by association

Is this not Joseph's son?

Look at small Nazareth!

Even though they had not heard

what he had to say!

Jesus reaction

Turns the mood around

A prophet is not accepted in his home town

And I am not going to do things here, that I have done else where

He then reminds them of instances where people outside of Israel received God's healing

Elisha healing the widow in Sidon

Elisha healing Naaman of Syria

A bit mysterious reaction

Why so strict?

Does he know their thoughts

Or does he test their thoughts

Nazarath is furious

They are furious

What, we are your own town

And you do not want to help us?

And they proceed to kill him

But Jesus in his power walks away

The good news

The Messiah is for all

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Even Sidon and Syria

Therefore Greece, Roman Empire

And in time Africa, Asia, USA, EU and Britain

The warning

But there is a warning

We do not own Christ

Like he did not allow Nazareth to set their agenda for him

He followed God's agenda, God's will

Even if that for us does not look reasonable or understandable

Why ignore your own home town!

But he does

And he was not ready to die either

I am yours, but you are mine?

A song that we sing often is Oceans

There is a sentence

"I am yours and you are mine"

But what do we mean by that?

That this is an equal relationship?

That as Jesus can tell us what to

do, likewise we can tell Jesus what to do?

This passage says otherwise

May we should only sing "I am yours"

And not "you are mine"

As Jesus does own us if we become Christians

But we do not "own" him

Perhaps we mean the closeness of our relationship with Jesus

But we should not forget that he is the Son of God => God

We are challenged to look at our agendas

Is it ours or is it Jesus's?

Jesus: I am yours

Amen