



# Rejection and Resurgence

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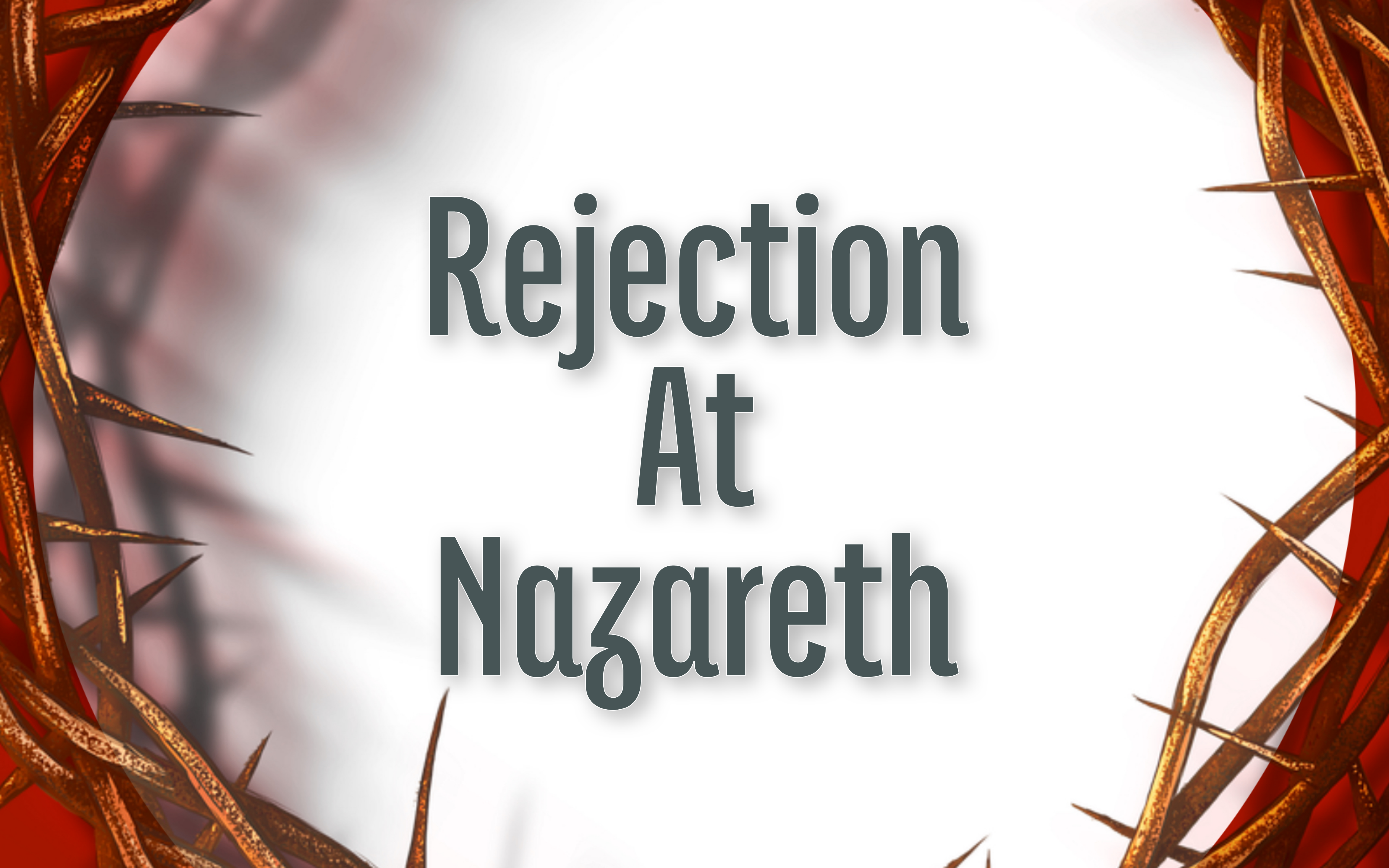
<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.  
<sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. <sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff — no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.”

<sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Mark 6:1–13





# Rejection At Nazareth

# Jesus Returns To Nazareth

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Mark 6:1–2





# A Surprising Twist!

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Mark 6:3



# The Scandal of Jesus

As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that **makes them fall**, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

Romans 9:33



# The Scandal of Jesus

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you?”

John 6:61



# The Scandal of Jesus' Word

But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Mark 4:17



# The Scandal of the Cross

We preach Christ crucified: a **stumbling block** to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23–24



# Jesus' Response To Rejection

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Mark 6:4–6



The people of Nazareth see only a carpenter, only a son of Mary, only another one of the village children who has grown up and returned for a visit. If only God were less ordinary and more unique, then they would believe. The servant image of the Son is too prosaic to garner credulity. God has identified too closely with the world for the world to behold him, too closely with the town of Nazareth for it to recognize in Jesus the Son of God. Humanity wants something other than what God gives. The greatest obstacle to faith is not the failure of God to act but the unwillingness of the human heart to accept the God who condescends to us in only a carpenter, the son of Mary. - James R. Edwards



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# Resurgence In the Other Villages

# Jesus Resumes His Teaching

And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

Mark 6:6



# The Mission Surges Forward

Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

Mark 6:7



# The Mission Surges Forward

By situating these two incidents at this point in his Gospel the evangelist shows that unbelief is the context in which the Christian mission advances and that rejection is an experience common to the Lord and the Church.

William Lane



# The Mission Surges Forward

They went out and preached that people should repent.  
<sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Mark 6:12–13



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The Gospel of Mark

# Applying

The Word

# The Table of Life

