

## Faith & Rejection

*Throughout most of my teaching life I have been referred to as 'Graham's son' ... I suppose that what happens when you work in the same diocese as your dad where he is a Headteacher. So the move to Telford has given me a sense a anonymity ... and that's fine by me ... although I still turn to dad for help and advice like children do!!!*

*The Scripture this week sees Jesus return to His home town of Nazareth where the people still regard Him as the son of the carpenter, Joseph. They don't realise that He has changed ... He is now the Son of God. Our identities change all the time ... we grow, develop, change our appearance. Some people don't always like the new you ... or find it hard to accept a new you and thus rejection can then appear.*

[Mr Doust]

# REJECTION

## WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

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### MARK 6:1-29

### **Pope Francis:**

According to the people of Nazareth, God is too great to humble Himself to speak through such a simple man! It is the scandal of the Incarnation - who thinks with the mind of a man, works and acts with the hands of a man, loves with a human heart, a God who struggles, eats and sleeps like one of us.

The Son of God overturns every human framework – it is not the disciples who washed the feet of the Lord but, it is the Lord who washed the feet of the disciples. This is a reason for scandal and incredulity, not only in that period but in all ages, even today.'

### **Scripture:**

Jesus left there and went back to his hometown. His followers went with him. On the Sabbath day he taught in the synagogue. Many people heard him and were amazed. They said, "Where did this man get these teachings? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? And where did he get the power to work miracles? He is only the carpenter. His mother is Mary. He is the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters are here with us." The people did not accept Jesus.

Jesus said to them, "Other people give honour to a prophet. But in his own town with his own people and in his own home, a prophet does not receive honour." Jesus was not able to work many miracles there. The only miracles he did were to heal some sick people by putting his hands on them. Jesus was amazed that they had no faith.

