

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6)

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30



The Carpenter

Only A Carpenter's Son. Object: None Needed

In the day that Jesus lived, many people had a hard time believing some of the things that they heard about him. This was especially true of the people in his home town of Nazareth. People had heard about the miracles that Jesus had done in Capernaum and they just didn't know how they could be true. After all, wasn't he Joseph's son? How could the son of a carpenter do all of the things that they had heard about?

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."

The people in the synagogue became furious. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him up on the hill on which the town was built, because they wanted to throw him off of a cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

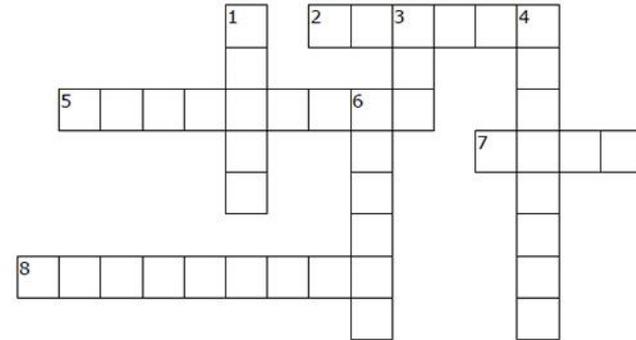
What a way to treat a hometown boy! It seems that no matter what Jesus did, he just couldn't seem to please the people in his own hometown. I wonder, if you and I had lived in Nazareth during Jesus' day, would we have treated him any better, or would we have gone along with the crowd?

Heavenly Father, even when others refuse to believe that Jesus has the power to heal and forgive, help us to remain faithful and true. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia You shall go to all to whom I send you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Alleluia (Jer. 1:7,8)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. The earthly father of Jesus
- 5. Another word for a doctor
- 7. To make or become healthy again
- 8. The sacred writings of the Bible

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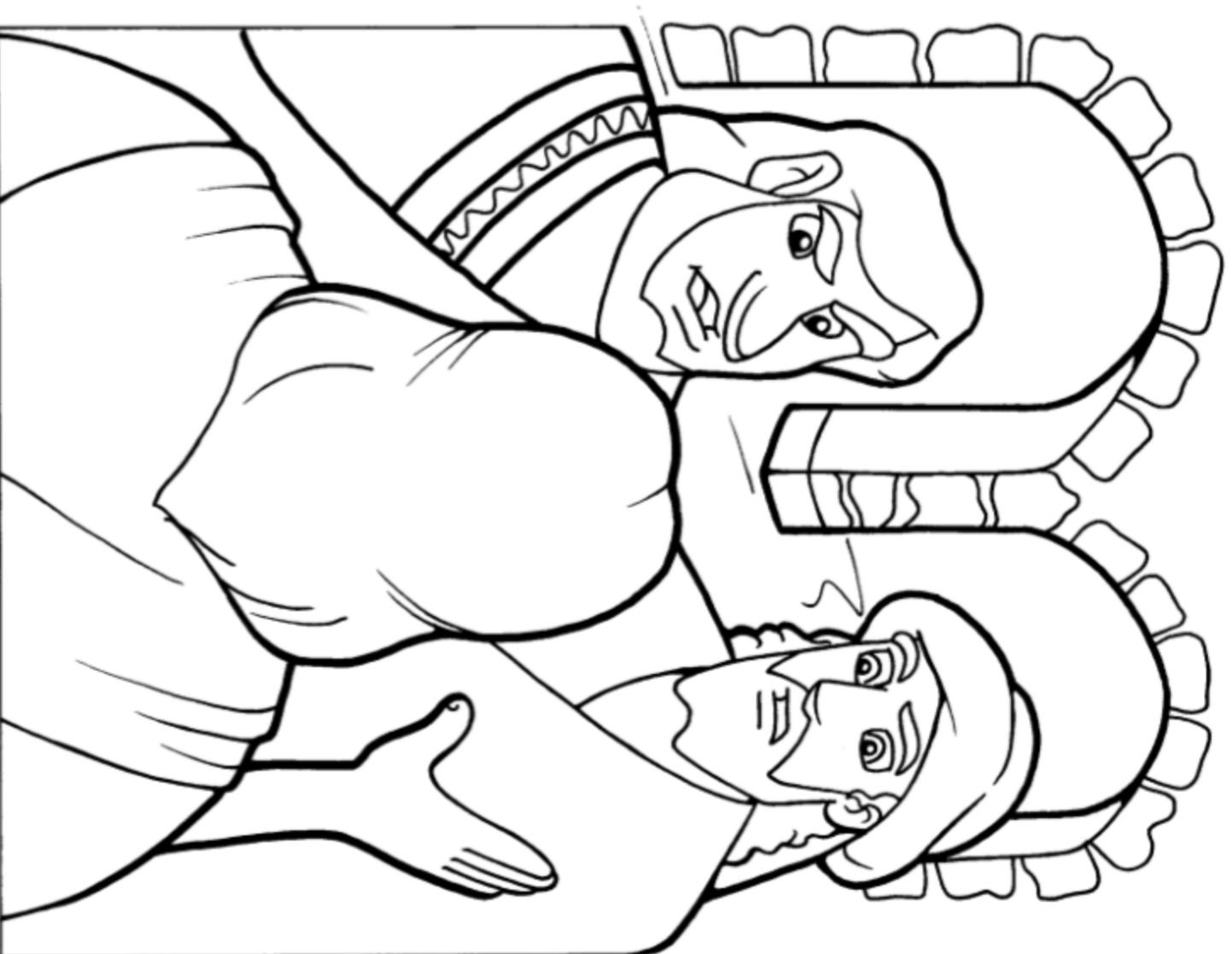
- 1. An area of high, steep rocks beside the sea
- 3. A person's male child
- 4. The town where you grew up
- 6. To be very surprised

HEAL	SON	PHYSICIAN	AMAZED
JOSEPH	HOMETOWN	SCRIPTURE	CLIFF

CARPENTER TOOLS: Let children trace and cut out carpenter tools. Write parts of the Bible verse or words from today's lesson on each tool. Either glue the tools onto a piece of construction paper or hole punch each tool and hang together on a piece of yarn in a circle of tools.

JESUS THE CARPENTER'S SON: Let children write JESUS on a hammer cut out. Write Carpenter's Son on another tool, write HEALER on another tool, write PROPHET on another tool, etc. Give children a long wide strip of poster board, or construction paper taped together, to form a TOOL BELT. Hang the tools with the words, from the tool belt and let children wear their tool belts out of class.

REJECTION AT NAZARETH



"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."
Luke 4:24