**WHY DID YOU DOUBT?**

Intro:

1. Text: Matt. 14:31
2. The greatest story ever told in the Bible is very much disbelieved by a multitude of people. Obviously, this would be true of the skeptics of Christianity; however, a closer look at Scripture also demonstrates that there were disbelievers even among his followers.
3. In fact, story after story is told in the Bible about the disciples who disbelieved that Jesus had been raised. Here’s a few:
4. Mark 16:9-11 (see also John 20:11-18).
5. Mark 16:12-13 (see also Luke 24:13-35).
6. Mark 16:14 (see also Luke 24:36-38)
7. Understandably, the crushing disappointment of his death had left them doubting his identity. They had been waiting on a Messiah. In the past, others had made this claim but at every turn the rug had been pulled out from under the people’s feet.
8. They saw it as just another failed attempt!
9. But, did the writers have to mention the failings of the disciples at this moment of weakness?
10. Doesn’t it seem strange that the very people we lean on today for their spiritual testimony threw themselves under the bus?
11. Why are all these stories about disbelief in the resurrection written in the Scriptures?

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1. These people were willing to expose their weaknesses, their unflattering behaviors to be a positive influence on us
2. They were willing to suffer the indignity of their spiritual deficiencies if it meant helping someone else come to faith in Jesus.
3. Amazingly, their disbelief turned belief is a powerful witness to the truth of what happened nearly two thousand years ago.
4. This story although, too good to be true, is still **TRUE!!!!!!**

Conclusion: