

WHY DID YOU DOUBT?

Intro:

- A. Text: Matt. 14:31
- B. The greatest story ever told in the Bible is very much _____ 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 _____ even among his followers.
- C. In fact, story after story is told in the Bible about the disciples who _____. Here's a few:
 - 1. Mark 16:9-11 (see also John 20:11-18).
 - 2. Mark 16:12-13 (see also Luke 24:13-35).
 - 3. Mark 16:14 (see also Luke 24:36-38)
- D. Understandably, the crushing _____ of his death had left them _____ 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.
- E. They saw it as just another failed attempt!
- F. But, must the writers mention the failings of the disciples at this moment of weakness?
- G. Doesn't it seem strange that the very people we lean on today for their spiritual testimony threw themselves under the bus?
- H. Why are all these stories about _____ written in the Scriptures?

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

Conclusion: