The Greatest Story Ever Told  
Luke 1:26-38

I. Why was the story so hard for the Jews to believe?
a. When John and Jesus were born, there had been no new _________ from God for nearly 400 years. (Proverbs 29:18; Acts 5:35-37)
b. __________ had trouble believing the story. (Numbers 6:24-26; Luke 1:18-20)
c. ______ wondered how it could be true. (Luke 1:34: Isaiah 7:14)
d. Many of the Jews doubted. (Matthew 21:25, 32; Luke 7:19)
e. When Jesus was risen, even the _________ found it nearly impossible to believe (Luke 24:11; John 20:25)
f. This unbelief persisted in spite of centuries of work by the prophets who foretold it. (Habakkuk 1:5)

II. Although we have a great story to tell, some will never believe it.
a. Some won’t believe it because it isn’t __________. (I Corinthians 1:20-29)
b. Some won’t believe it because of the way the _____ is (Habakkuk 2:20)
c. Some won’t believe it because of the way that __________ are (John 17:20-23; Matthew 5:13-16)
d. Fortunately we have the same help that Luke had, but some will still abide in unbelief. (Matthew 28:19-20)