

The Power of Unbelief, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 13:53-58.
- B. Many suffered the consequences of unbelief.
- C. Faith has the power to bring life and heaven. Unbelief brings sorrow and hell.
- D. A lack of evidence did not keep people from Christ—it was a love of evil.

II. Unbelief blurs the obvious.

III. Unbelief builds up the irrelevant. (John 7:15)

IV. Unbelief obscures the truth.

- A. People demanded some kind of training from Jesus.
- B. They could not believe that Jesus was from God because he was too common.
- C. They were offended at Jesus by his background, commonness and what he taught. (Isaiah 8, 1 Corinthians 1:28)
- D. The people would not believe because they were not ready to give up their sin.

V. Unbelief blocks the supernatural.

- A. Unbelief always stops miracles and the supernatural. (Luke 17, Matthew 12)
- B. Those who are willfully hard hearted will not receive a miracle from God. (John 9)
- C. Nothing happens when unbelief seeks a miracle. (Hebrews 3:12)

Application Questions:

1. What is the relationship between sin and unbelief?

2. How does a knowledge of unbelief shape the way one might evangelize?

3. What are some irrelevant concerns people bring up about Jesus today? How would you address these?
