



Sermon-Based Bible Study

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“Action” - #4 in the series *The Influence of Jesus*

Texts (NIV): John 20:19-22

1. “Lights! Camera! Action!” Imagine an excited director shouting these words as she cues everyone on stage that the moment has finally come - the moment when all their lines have been rehearsed, all the props are in place, the lights are set, and it’s time for action, time to film the scene.
 - Facing a moment of action can be daunting, sometimes fearful.
 - Think about a time when you’ve been called on to take action - it could be in a personal situation or one that involved a professional decision.
 - How did being at a point of taking action make you feel?
 - What considerations influenced how you responded in that moment of taking action?
2. **Read John 20:19-20.**

Fearing the Jewish leaders because they had been followers of Jesus, the disciples had locked themselves in a room when the resurrected Jesus suddenly appeared to them.

 - What emotions might the disciples have been experiencing as they were gathered in that room?
 - How does Jesus demonstrate that he understands their fears and their need to be assured?
3. **Read John 20: 21-22.**

Jesus’ message may not have been what they were expecting - a message about being sent out to do God’s work.

 - How significant is it that Jesus spoke the words, “Peace be with you,” a second time?
 - Why would it have been important for the disciples to know they were being sent in the same way God had sent Jesus into the world?
 - How do you respond to the image of Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit into the disciples as part of sending them into action?
 - Have you ever been aware of the direct presence of the Holy Spirit in a work God sent you to do?
4. Consider experiences or opportunities you have had when someone or something has called you to take action.
 - What was most challenging about that experience?
 - What did the action look like?
 - How did being sent for action in this situation intersect with your faith journey?
5. How can we pray for you?