

**MISSION POSSIBLE:
HOW TO HAVE A LIFE THAT COUNTS
JOHN 20:19-23**

Introduction - "Your mission, should you choose to accept it . . ."

I. OUR CONFIDENCE

The fact of the resurrection is the foundation for our confidence.

"Peace be with you" (20:21)

II. OUR COMMISSIONING

An encounter with Jesus will eventually become a commissioning by Jesus.

A. Same mission

"I am sending you" (20:21)

• cf. Matthew 4:23; Acts 10:38; Mark 1:38; 2:17; Luke 19:10; John 10:10; Mark 1:17; 3:13; Luke 10:9; Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 1:8; 8:4

B. Same manner

"As the Father has sent me" (20:21)

• cf. John 13:15; Mark 10:45

C. Same mighty power

"Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22)

• cf. Ephesians 1:19-21; Acts 10:38; Luke 4:14; John 3:34; Acts 1:8; John 7:37-39

D. Same message

"If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" (20:23)

• cf. I John 1:7

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY 14-20

FOLLOW-THROUGHS

What do the following verses say about the mission, the manner, the mighty power, and the message seen in the ministry of Jesus? As his followers, each and every one of us has been sent just as Jesus has been sent.

What is the specific mission on which Jesus has sent you? What is your ministry? How are you using the gifts and opportunities he has given you? How are you moving out into new relationships in obedience to the commissioning of Jesus?

Monday **Matthew 4:23-25**

Tuesday **Acts 10:34-43**

Wednesday **Mark 1:35-39; 2:13-17**

Thursday **Luke 19:1-10**

Friday **Mark 10:32-45**

WARM-UPS

Saturday **John 21:1-14**

Why do you think the disciples went back to their fishing? What was Jesus trying to teach them through guiding them to such an extraordinary catch?

Sunday **John 21:15-25**

What did Jesus want to be the focus of Peter's life? What motivates your life? What is the fundamental basis on which you make your decisions?