



Action - What Happened to James

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Conversation Guide:

Create meaningful conversation. Feel free to adjust the questions as needed.

- In this sermon, Pastor Derwin introduces James, the half-brother of Jesus. In **I Corinthians 15:3-7**, we learn that the resurrected Messiah appeared to James, who moved to action. How have you moved to action since meeting Jesus?
- Action moves us to allegiance to King Jesus and His people. Pastor Derwin often says that we don't belong to the party of the donkey or the elephant. We belong to the Party of the Lamb. Is this a difficult concept for you to embrace? Have you been able to let go of political affiliations and give your full allegiance to Jesus? If so, what are your hurdles?
- Read **Mark 10:42-45**. Who is our model when it comes to becoming a servant? How have you seen yourself growing in this area?
- Action moves us to a Calling. Your career is not your calling. Your calling is to let God love you so much that you begin to love yourself, and then that love overflows to others around you. You have a ministry and a mission. Ministry: you have a place to serve at TC. As you serve, you minister to others. Mission: this is your vocation. You're on the lookout for people in need of God's grace.
- Read **Acts 15:13-21**. What was James' calling? Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**. What is your calling? How does your vocation fit into this?
- Action moves us to Tenacity. Read **James 1:12**. What trials have you endured? How have they developed tenacity within you? Are you allowing God to form your character for your calling?
- Read **Psalms 34:5**. Who in your life radiates joy? Do you feel more joyful the more time you spend with Jesus?

Soul-tattoo: The resurrected Messiah moves us to act. Continue reading the book of James this week.