

Scripture Readings

*The first New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Acts** chapter 4, verses 5-12, which can be found on page 151 in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

⁵ Next day the Jewish rulers, elders, and doctors of the law met in Jerusalem.

⁶ There were present Annas the High Priest, Caiaphas, Jonathan, Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ They brought the apostles before the court and began the examination. 'By what power', they asked, 'or by what name have such men as you done this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if the question put to us today is about help given to a sick man, and we are asked by what means he was cured, ¹⁰ here is the answer, for all of you and for all the people of Israel: it was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; it is by his name that this man stands here before you fit and well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone rejected by the builders which has become the keystone—and you are the builders. ¹² There is no salvation in anyone else at all, for there is no other name under heaven granted to men, by which we may receive salvation.'

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*The second New Testament Scripture reading is received from **John chapter 10**, verses **11-18**, which can be found on page **125** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹¹ I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² The hireling, when he sees the wolf coming, abandons the sheep and runs away, because he is no shepherd and the sheep are not his. Then the wolf harries the flock and scatters the sheep. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵ as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ But there are other sheep of mine, not belonging to this fold, whom I must bring in; and they too will listen to my voice. There will then be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ The Father loves me because I lay down my life, to receive it back again. ¹⁸ No one has robbed me of it; I am laying it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to receive it back again; this charge I have received from my Father.'

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.