

## Scripture Reading

John 10:14–16 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—<sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

1) Love

**Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

2) Dealing with difficult verses

John 14:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,

Acts 4:11–12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup>Jesus is “ ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

1 John 5:12 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Matthew 7:13–14 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup>“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup>But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

John 10:7–10 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

<sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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