

APRIL 26, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ACTS 4:8-12

PSALM 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 JOHN 3:1-2

JOHN 10:11-18

REFLECTION

How important is trust to you? Most teenagers will answer, "Someone I trust," when asked what quality they feel is most important in a friend. Other qualities that hit high on the list are loyalty, honesty, sincerity—all qualities related to trust. If you've ever been betrayed then you know all too well how important trust is. Who are the people in your life right now that you really trust? Are they people you've known for a while? Trust takes time to build and you usually have to get to know someone pretty well before you feel like you can trust them. Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel. He says he knows us, that he is someone we can count on, someone we can trust.



"HE IS WITH US"
**LOVE & THE
OUTCOME**

[www.youtube.com
/watch
?v=Z6mEQS2fsWE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6mEQS2fsWE)

ACTION

Have you ever thought of Jesus that way? As someone you can trust? As someone you can follow? As someone who knows you? If you can answer yes to those questions then maybe it's time for you to share your faith with a friend who needs that in their life right now. If you're not sure about your answers you may want to spend some time getting to know Jesus through prayer, by reading the Gospel accounts, and by spending time with people who know him well.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What are the most important qualities in a friend? Why are those qualities important to you?
- Write about a time someone betrayed your trust. Was that person ever able to regain your trust? How?