

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

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The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner *stone*.
This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

Psalm 118:22-23

There's an old Jewish story that says that when they built the temple during King Solomon's days, the builders found a beautiful stone! It was perfect in it's dimensions and yet, try as they might they could not get it to fit where they wanted it. So the builders threw it aside and left it among the rubble.

There it lay for months as the temple took shape. As the project wore on, it became obvious they needed to find a capstone – that perfect stone that would be laid in such a way as to provide stability for the whole structure. It was then that the architect noticed the stone that the builders had discarded – this perfect, beautiful stone rejected as worthless, now became the chief and most important of stones!

That's the story behind the “chief cornerstone” mentioned in Psalm 118. And it would just be a story, were it not for the fact that Jesus quotes this passage in **Mark 12:10-11** as part of his explanation for what would happen when his enemies killed Him. Then, “*the stone which the builders rejected would become the chief cornerstone*”. Meaning what?

Meaning that Christ Himself – the Son whom “the builders” (as the religious leaders called themselves) would reject, would become the chief foundation upon whom God would build His new, spiritual temple – the church. The very One “despised and rejected by men” (Isa 53) would become the indispensable foundation for our salvation as we put our faith in Him! As **1 Peter 2:4-5** says,

“And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

My prayer is that your life is being built upon this stone!

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