



Come & See What God Has Done

The Stone The Builders Rejected

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We wrap our look into Old Testament prophecies by checking out Psalms 118:21-23. David shares with us the prediction of the Messiah being the cornerstone rejected. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. David tells us what we see today as the fulfillment of the prophecy in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Jesus confronts the chief priests and elders of the people when they challenge him in the temple. Jesus has driven out of the temple the money changers and those who sold pigeons for sacrifice the day before. The chief priest and elders felt threatened by Jesus because of His popularity among the people and were questioning Him on the basis of His authority the following day. First, He gives them a question regarding the baptism from John that they want to avoid answering. Then, He shared two parables, further causing the chief priests and elders dismay. Then, He reminds them of the words from Psalm 118. We find this exchange in Matthew 21:42-45. Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.





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We often see compassion and mercy flowing out from Jesus in the Gospels. We also find instances where he speaks bluntly to those repeatedly ignoring what has been prophesied. He has little tolerance for their stubbornness. He gives the chief priests and elders the unvarnished truth. That truth is one they do not want to hear because it upsets their comfortable position of status, prominence, and authority among the people. Sadly, nothing has changed in over two thousand years. Many will still choose to reject the truth of Jesus. Many will go with the day's flavor in deciding how to live their lives without regard to how it determines their future now and in eternity. It is a life of unrepentant sin and excess. They also have little regard for how it affects those around them. Faithless people still inhabit many parts of our world. These are the people Jesus talks about being crushed when the rejected stone falls on them. It saddens me deeply. This crushing prophecy will not play out in their lives until they stand in judgment at the end. We will not see the judgment, but in faith, we know it will happen. God fulfills the prophecy in His time. We may not see the results, but in faith, we can rest assured he keeps His promise.

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