



Cornerstone

Psalm 118v22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the **cornerstone**.

Matthew 21v42 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'"

In Matthew 21:42, Jesus quotes from Psalm 118:22 and applies it directly to His situation at that time, in Jerusalem.

Jesus is the stone that the builders rejected. The Pharisees and Chief priests are the ones rejecting Him.

Jesus says that the rejected stone has now become like the Chief Cornerstone, the most important stone, and it is the Lord's doing, and nothing can stop it.

We are all used to thinking of Jesus as our Rock, the very foundation of our Christian lives. But Jesus is also our Chief Cornerstone, the one whom we, as individual living stones, look to as we are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

The cornerstone is the first stone laid, with all the other stones in reference.

A cornerstone makes the orientation of the building. The stone must be perfect in alignment and angle. All the other stones can then be laid in accordance with it.

Jesus, time and time again in John's gospel, tells us He only does what He sees the Father do; He only speaks what He hears the Father speak; He only does the Father's will. Jesus was perfectly aligned with His Father. Beautiful buildings have all their bricks aligned. We become this as we align ourselves with the Lord Jesus, doing only what we see Him do, saying only what we hear Him say and doing only His will.

*"therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a **precious cornerstone**, of a sure foundation:..." Isaiah 28v16*