**Everyday Stories of Jesus – Lk.20:17 -18**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ rejected in unbelief has become the foundation of the church**

Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem – the crowds cheer Him as the coming Messiah – Ps. 118

They cry: *blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!* – Lk. 19:38

Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple as the coming Messiah

He said: *My house shall be called a house of prayer –* Lk. 19:46

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Christ was rejected in unbelief by the Jewish religious leaders – 19:47**

*He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him – destroy = to put to death*

1. The Jewish religious leaders **rejected – did not believe** Jesus to be Messiah
2. The Jewish religious leaders **were offended by Jesus words & His ways!**
3. The Jewish religious leaders **were jealous of His favor with the people**
4. The Jewish religious leaders **were exposed by Jesus authority & power**
5. The Jewish religious leaders **were religious hypocrites who despised Jesus**

**Consider**

7:30 – **The Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John**

16:14 – **the Pharisees who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him**

1. **Jesus Christ the rejected one is the promised Messiah – Lk 20: 17**

*What then is this that is written: the stone which the builders rejected this became the chief corner stone?*

1. The story of the vine – growers – 20:9 -16
2. The owner sent slaves to collect produce from the vineyard they were beaten & thrown out – 20:9 – 12
3. The owner then sent his beloved son – they beat & killed him – 20:13 – 15
4. The owner returned & destroyed the vine growers – 20:16
5. **Jesus declares that He is the Messiah – the rejected stone of the builders**
6. **Jesus declares that He is the cornerstone – foundation stone of the God’s people**

**Consider**

1. Jesus Christ was rejected in unbelief as the promised Messiah
2. Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church of God

Acts 4:10 -11 – *let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by this name this man stands here before you in good health He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved*

Eph. 2:19 -22 – *you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling in Spirit*

1. **Jesus Christ the rejected one will judge those who do not believe in Him – Lk.20:18**

*Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken in pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter them like dust.*

1. The unbeliever rejects Jesus words as harsh, demanding & narrow
2. The unbeliever refuses to believe that Jesus is the Son of God come as a man to earth
3. The unbeliever denies that Jesus rose from the dead & has authority over all people
4. When Jesus comes again all the unbelieving dead will be judged – experiencing the second death

John 3:36 – *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Come to Jesus Christ as the living stone chosen & precious to God – 1 Pet. 2:4
2. Believers in Christ are being built into a spiritual house of priests to God – 1 Pet. 2:5
3. Believers in Christ - priests to God offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ 1 Pet. 2:5
4. There is no greater value than believing in Jesus Christ – 1 Pet. 2:7
5. Jesus is the rock of stumbling for those who will not believe in Him – 1 Pet. 2:8

**Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?**

**Will you repent & believe in Him as your Lord & Savior?**

***What then is this that is written: the stone which the builders rejected this became the chief corner stone?***

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**