

# Jesus Christ – Chief Cornerstone

**Isaiah 28:16; Zechariah 10:4; Ephesians 2:20**

**Psalm 118:22** *“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone.”*

**Matthew 21:42** *“Jesus said to HIS disciples, ‘Have you not even read in the scriptures, THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?’”* (Also in **Mark 12:10** and **Luke 20:17**)

**Acts 4:11** *“He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the very corner stone.”*

READ HERE – **1 Peter 2:1-10**

**Isaiah 28:16** *“Therefore says the Lord God, behold I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.”*

**“THE STONE – THE ROCK”** symbolizes the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the Bible. He is referred to as the *“stone of stumbling which the builders rejected.”* This relates to when the group of Jews returned from the Babylonian/Persian captivity, they were negligent in rebuilding the temple...wanting to get their own homes finished first (their OSN 1<sup>st</sup>), but when they did begin, they realized that the CORNERSTONE WAS MOST IMPORTANT – they did it, and they brought it to the building site, placed it nearby in a side field where soon the weeds and grass covered it. Later, the people working on the temple would “blindly” walk through and stumble over it in the grown up grass. THAT IS THE REASON THE CORNERSTONE IN 1 PETER IS REFERRED TO AS THE **“STONE OF STUMBLING – THE STUMBLING BLOCK”**. JESUS WAS THAT VERY STUMBLING STONE.