

# Our Cornerstone

## Luke 20:9-19 ESV

And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? <sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” <sup>19</sup> The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

- What would you do to those tenants?
- This was Jesus question to the people.
- Matthew tells us the people’s response.

## Matthew 21:41 ESV

They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

- Some knew that Jesus was talking about Israel.
- The leaders knew exactly what Jesus was saying.

## Isaiah 5:1-7 ESV

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

- The Lord only asked for the harvest of obedience.
- Justice and righteousness.
- The Lord had been so gracious and kind!

- Why did they act so treacherously?
- What should have been their response?
- The response should have been eternal gratitude.
- Instead they stole from Him.
- And treated His servants and Son with contempt.
- Haven't we been given so much more?
- Have we learned from Israel's failures?
- Jesus once again gives them a warning.
- Jesus then recites Psalm 118:22.

**Luke 20:17-18 ESV**

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**Psalm 118:19-26 ESV**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

- Jesus is revealing Himself to them.
- Their Messiah and our Cornerstone.
- Who was rejecting Him? Who were the builders?

**Acts 4:11 ESV**

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

- What was He saying to them?
- That He is the foundation and cornerstone.

**Ephesians 2:20-22 ESV**

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- Jesus was also making this statement.
- Daniel 2:31-45

**Daniel 2:34-35 (ESV)**

As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. <sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

**Daniel 2:44-45 ESV**

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, <sup>45</sup> just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

- Jesus was saying you will crush yourselves.
- Similar warnings have been given to unbelievers.
- We must seriously consider the warnings given.

**Matthew 21:41-43 ESV**

They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” <sup>42</sup> 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’? <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.