

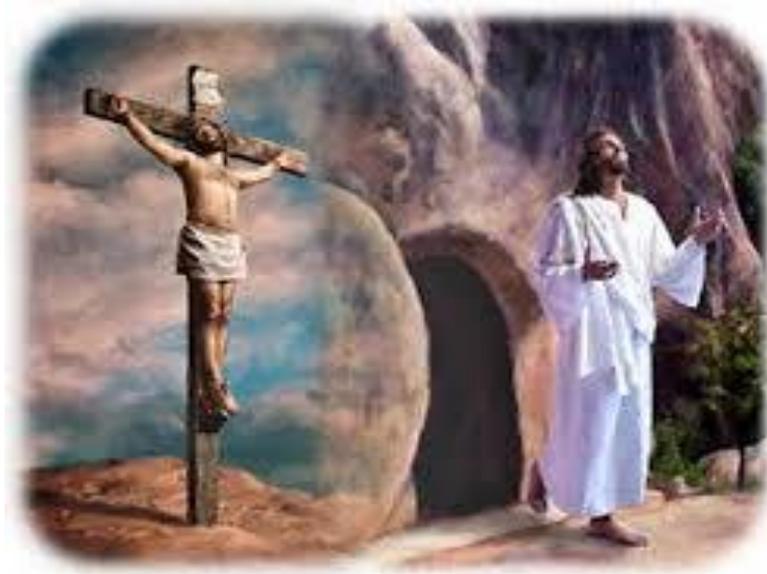
# I Peter 2:4-8 The Cornerstone



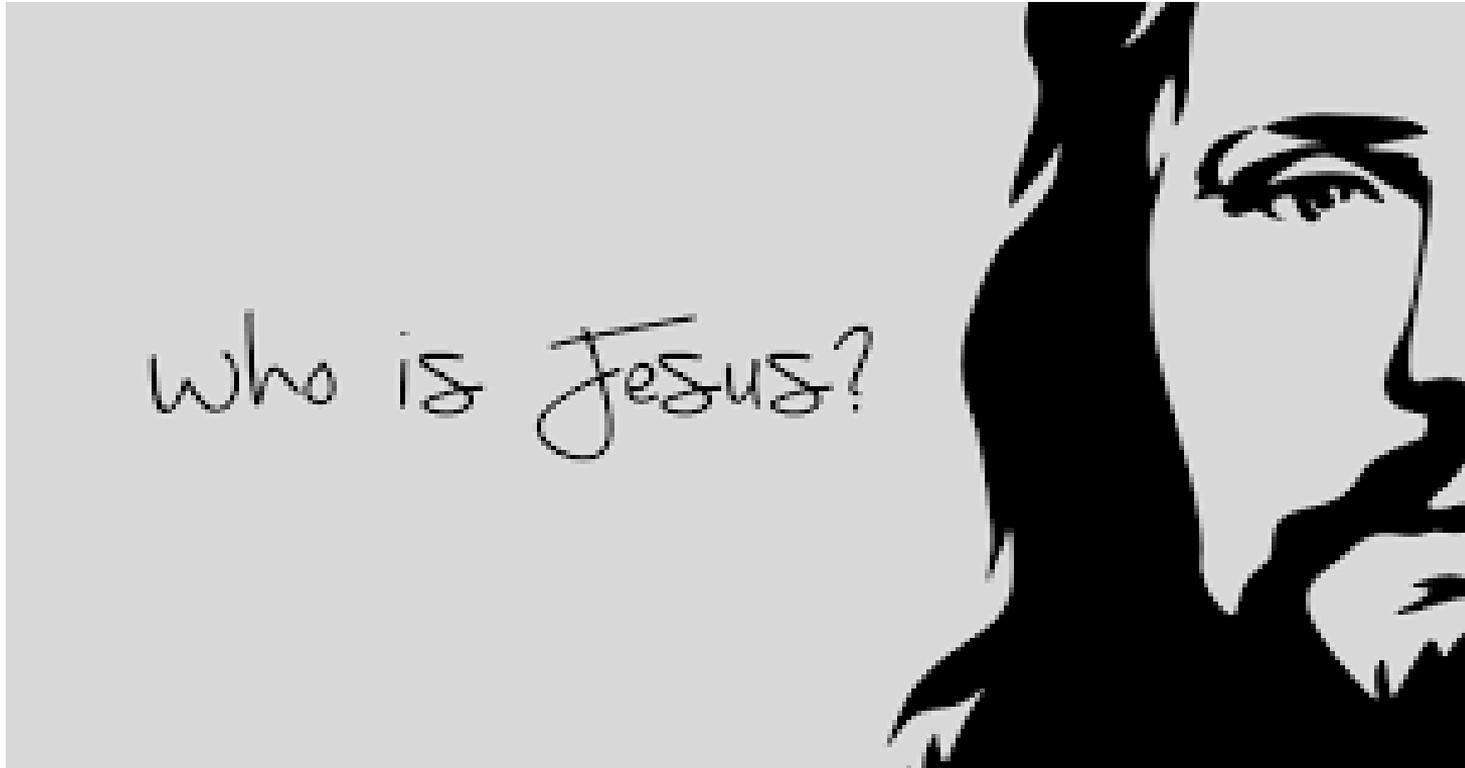
- Christianity is about Jesus
- He is the founder of the Christian faith
- Jesus is the Son of God, God himself that came to this earth to live among us and show us the way to heaven, how to have a relationship with God



- Christianity is unique among all the religions in that our founder is God the son, and Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead
- All the other founders of all the other religions died



# I. Who is This Jesus? Vs. 4



- There are more Christians today than at any time in history
- There are people that have never heard about Jesus that are hearing the message. By putting faith in Jesus they can be children of God
- And people are coming to a living Savior
- Peter calls Jesus the living Stone



- That doesn't make any sense because stones aren't living
- But Jesus is living today in heaven and the hearts of Christians
- And Jesus is the big stone, the cornerstone that makes the church



- God chose Jesus to be the Savior
- You hear this all the time about special people, “he is chosen”
- Chosen because he is special or has talents
- But then people say, he is the chosen one
- That makes someone even more special



## II. All Christians are Stones and Priests Vs 5



- Jesus is the 1st stone set for the building
- And we are the stones that complete the building-  
the church
- By the way, the church isn't a physical building
- But all Christians make the church



- What is unique about Christianity is that everyone is a priest
- In other religions, there is a priesthood.
- That is, people go through training to become the holy people of the religion. And those priests are closer to God or the gods
- With Christianity, all Christians have equal access to God



- In the Old Testament, there were priests that stood before God
- They were the priests that spoke to God for the people
- There was a place in the temple called the Holy of Holies
- And 1 priest would enter the holy of holies once a year



Now, when a person becomes a Christian, you have direct access to God. You can ask forgiveness, you can go to God because you are a priest. You are a priest in God's eyes



- Christianity is unique among all the religions of the world
- And if you are a Christian, you can offer spiritual sacrifices
- There is no temple, Christians are the temple, the church
- And Christians offer spiritual sacrifices to God
- That is, our acts of worship, our acts of ministry, our acts of service



### **III. Jesus is the Cornerstone Vss. 6-8**



- The cornerstone of the building in the ancient world was the most important part of a building.
- It was a perfect 90 degree angle stone that was set on the ground 1st
- And all other stones of the building would line up with it



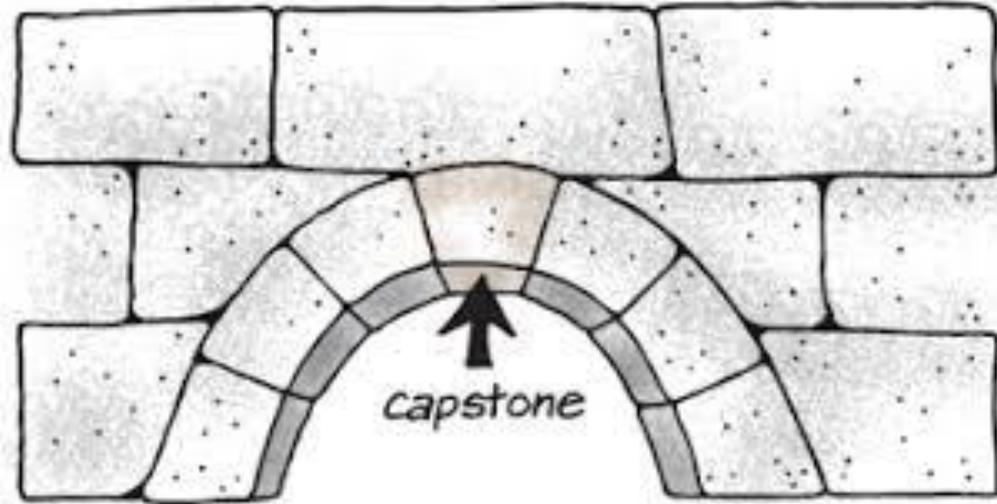
- When you put your faith in Jesus you won't be ashamed
- Ashamed in the Greek language can also mean disappointed or dismayed. The meaning here is that you won't regret putting your faith in Jesus. He is faithful and good and will lead you to heaven one day



- He wants to be your Savior
- He wants to repair the broken relationship that you have with God
- Jesus wants to make you a child of God



- Jesus is also the capstone, the other important rock in a building
- At the top of the arch, the peak of a roof there was a capstone that held the roof together
- And if you reject Christ, the building falls down



You do not want to disobey the message of Jesus  
*Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in his  
name, he gave the right to become children of God* **John 1:12**  
*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,  
that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal  
life* **John 3:16**

Put your faith in Jesus today  
Trust in him, you won't be disappointed

BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS  
CORNERstone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE  
DISAPPOINTED.

Miren que pongo en Sión una piedra principal escogida y  
preciosa, y el que confíe en ella no será jamás defraudado

Tazama, naweka katika Sayuni jiwe kuu la pembeni, teule,  
lenye heshima, Na kila amwaminiye hatatahayarika.

看哪，我在锡安放了一块石头，就是所拣选所珍贵的房角石，信  
靠他的人，必不致失望。

Міне, Мен аса құнды «Тасты» таңдап алдым, Оны Сиондағы  
үйімнің бұрышының Іргетасы ретінде орнатып қоямын. Енді  
Оған сенімін артқан әркім Ұятқа қалмайтын болады әрдайым

Christianity is about Jesus  
He is the founder of the Christian faith  
But he is much more than a founder.  
We say that Jesus is a moral teacher and a prophet  
Yes, that is true, and Jesus is much more  
Jesus is the Son of God, God himself that came to this earth to live among  
us and show us the way to heaven, how to have a relationship with God  
To be a child of God  
Christianity is unique among all the religions in that our founder is God  
the son, and Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead  
All the other founders of all the other religions died  
You can go to their graves  
But Jesus is different, very different.  
The other religions of the world give you a list of things to do  
Follow the list and maybe you will get to heaven  
Jesus doesn't give you list and say follow this list and maybe  
you will go to heaven.  
No, Jesus said, believe in me and you will live forever in heaven  
Peter describes Jesus as the stone, living stone  
And the Christians together make a stone building  
And so we will see what the Christian religion is built upon  
**I. Who is This Jesus? Vs. 4**  
"As you come to him" People are coming to Jesus all the time  
There are more Christians today than at any time in history  
There are people that have never heard about Jesus that are hearing the  
message. By putting faith in Jesus they can be children of God  
And people are coming to a living Savior  
Peter calls Jesus the living Stone  
That doesn't make any sense because stones aren't living  
But Jesus is living today in heaven and the hearts of Christians  
And Jesus is the big stone, the cornerstone that makes the church  
Jesus is for the most part rejected by mankind  
We think of the world and very few people are Christians  
The teachings of Jesus are difficult to accept  
To be a follower of Jesus means you give your life to Him  
You give up your will and want to follow Jesus' will  
God chose Jesus to be the Savior  
You hear this all the time about special people, he is chosen  
Chosen because he is special or has talents  
But then people say, he is the chosen one

That makes someone even more special  
It is a common theme in movies. He is the chosen one  
Star wars, Lord of the Rings, Matrix and many others  
But who is choosing them?  
With Jesus, He was chosen by God to be the Savior of the world  
And Jesus was chosen before the creation of the world  
So the plan of salvation was in place for a long time  
As the beloved son of God, Jesus is more precious, honored and  
highly regarded than we could ever know  
**II. All Christians are Stones and Priests Vs 5**  
Because Christians are like Jesus, we also are like stones  
Jesus is the 1st stone set for the building  
And we are the stones that complete the building-the church  
By the way, the church isn't a physical building  
But all Christians make the church  
This is an illustration or a picture of what Christians are  
We are like stones that make a building with Jesus as the most  
important stone of the building  
And what happens in the church?  
All the Christians are doing ministry, God's work  
What is unique about Christianity is that everyone is a priest  
In other religions, there is a priesthood.  
That is, people go through training to become the holy people of the  
religion. And those priests are closer to God or the gods  
Regular people can't get close to God  
With Christianity, all Christians have equal access to God  
All Christians are a part of the holy priesthood  
In the Old Testament, there were priests that stood before God  
They were the priests that spoke to God for the people  
There was a place in the temple called the Holy of Holies  
And 1 priest would enter the holy of holies once a year  
That day was called Yom Kippur, day of atonement  
And that priest would sprinkle blood on the altar to make atonement  
for the sins of the people, forgiveness of sins for the people  
If the people wanted forgiveness of sins, they would take a  
sheep and bring it to the priest at the temple and the priest  
would slaughter the animal  
The priest would put the animal on the altar, another altar  
And that would be the way to ask forgiveness  
There was limited access to God, you needed the priest  
With Jesus all that changed  
Now, when a person becomes a Christian, you have direct access to God

You can ask forgiveness, you can go to God because you are a priest  
You are a priest in God's eyes  
The church does have pastors, I am a pastor  
I teach in the church, I lead the church, I can counsel you  
But you don't need me to talk to God  
You can go to God directly  
You don't need me to ask for forgiveness  
You can ask God for forgiveness yourself  
*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our  
sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness"* I John 1:9  
Christianity is unique among all the religions of the world  
And if you are a Christian, you can offer spiritual sacrifices  
The priest of the Old Testament offered animal sacrifices for the people  
This was a big part of the people's worship to God  
With Jesus all of that changed  
There is no temple, Christians are the temple, the church  
And Christians offer spiritual sacrifices to God  
That is, our acts of worship, our acts of ministry, our acts of service  
And as we do these things, they are acceptable to God  
**III. Jesus is the Cornerstone Vss. 6-8**  
The cornerstone of the building in the ancient world was the most  
important part of a building.  
It was a perfect 90 degree angle stone that was set on the ground 1st  
And all other stones of the building would line up with it  
If there was a good square cornerstone, the building was square  
If there was a bad cornerstone, the building would be crooked  
Jesus is the cornerstone of the church  
And because Jesus is straight and true, chosen and precious  
the rest of the church will be true

Even if we are imperfect, sinful people  
Because Jesus died for our sins and forgave our sins  
And therefore, we are perfect in God's eyes  
When you put your faith in Jesus you won't be ashamed  
Ashamed in the Greek language can also mean disappointed or dismayed  
The meaning here is that you won't regret putting your faith in Jesus  
He is faithful and good and will lead you to heaven one day  
Jesus is the more important person in my life  
He gave his life for me, I trust that I can be faithful to Him  
I encourage you to put your faith in Jesus  
He wants to be your Savior  
He wants to repair the broken relationship that you have with God  
Jesus wants to make you a child of God  
Peter gives us a warning about unbelief  
If you reject Jesus, the cornerstone that isn't good  
Jesus is also the capstone, the other important rock in a building  
At the top of the arch, the peak of a roof there was a capstone that  
held the roof together  
And if you reject Christ, the building falls down  
You are not part of the church, you don't get eternal life  
And that stone-Jesus you will stumble over it  
You will fall on the pile of rubble  
You do not want to disobey the message of Jesus  
*Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God John 1:12  
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