

In the Knowledge of HIM

Getting Reacquainted with Jesus (Ephesians 1:17)

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Jesus the Cornerstone

I Peter 2:4-8

He's a LIVING Stone...

Jesus was dead, but is alive forevermore (Revelation 1:18) and He Himself IS the Life (John 14:6). And life flows _____ Him to all those who are connected _____ Him; we become living stones in the spiritual house of God.

...not LIFELESS sand!

*Jesus is also the **exclusive** Way and the **only** Truth; all others are _____ prophets, _____ philosophies, and _____ gods. Building our lives on anything or anyone else will only leave us **disappointed, deflated, and spiritually dead** (Matthew 7:24-27).*

The "builders" REJECTED Him...

The chief priests and elders of Israel "disallowed" Jesus. He didn't meet their _____ conceptions of the Messiah, and His doctrine was too painful to their _____.

...but the Architect SELECTED Him!

*Though man refused Him, Jesus was indeed God's Elect, the precious Chosen One. He was the Stone that God laid in Zion on which all hope of salvation rests. **Isaiah 28:16** says that Jesus is a "_____ " Stone, one that has passed inspection. A stone must have the **dimensions** and the **durability** to hold down the CORNER!*

He's a Stone of STABILITY...

*The cornerstone is crucial: its **placement** and its **proportions** play a vital part in the strength of the structure. Building before it is placed can make a misaligned mess! But when the cornerstone is laid **first**, and everything else is built upon it and around it, then the house is "_____ framed together" (Ephesians 2:20-21).*

...and a Stone of STUMBLING!

Those who reject Jesus as Savior are said to stumble over the Cornerstone that God has laid. Since Jesus doesn't meet their expectations and won't tell them what they want to hear, they _____ over Him instead of _____ on Him, and they fall to their doom.