



**DO YOU
RECOGNIZE
HIM?**

Easter at Ambassador

The Rejected Stone: Mark 12:1-12

Sunday and Monday

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Lk.19:38

'If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'

Lk.19: 40

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Tuesday

- **authority question:**
'By what authority are you doing these things?'
- **political question:**
'Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar?'
- **theological question:**
about resurrection

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Tuesday

'Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them.'

Mk.12:12

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The Story...

- The *vineyard* was Israel
- The *owner* was God
- The *servants* were OT prophets

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Jesus writes himself into his own story

'whom he loved' Mk.12:6

'You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

Lk.3:22

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Jesus writes himself into his own story

'These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.'

Isa.29:13

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Peter's 4 Stones

'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.' Psalm 118:22

'The stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Acts 4:11

Peter's 4 Stones

1 Peter 2:4-8

*'As you come to him, **the living Stone** – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him — you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

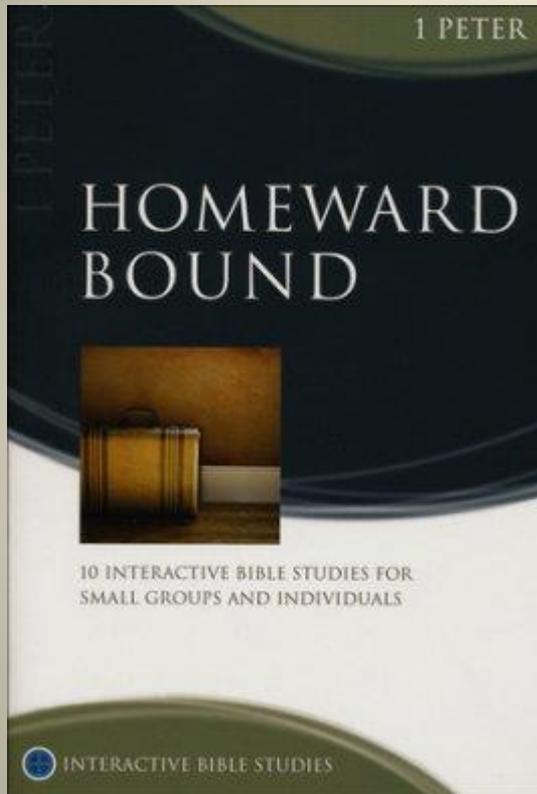
*For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and **precious cornerstone**, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."*

*Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "**The stone the builders rejected** has become the cornerstone," and, "**A stone that causes people to stumble** and a rock that makes them fall."*

Peter's 4 Stones

‘Do you see all these great buildings?’ replied Jesus. ‘Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.’ Mk.13:2

Peter's 4 Stones



“As each new believer comes to Christ, he or she is added to the foundation, and the building rises up to become a ‘spiritual house’, made with living stones consisting of the new people of God in Christ.”

Phillip Jensen & Tony Payne

Which Stone is he for you?

*'For we are **the temple** of the living God.'* (1 Cor. 6:16)

*'In [Christ] you too are being built together **to become a dwelling** in which God lives by his Spirit.'* (Eph. 2:22)

*'You also, like living stones, are being built into a **spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.'* (1 Peter 2:5)

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Owner or Tenant?

If we are tenants there are dues to be paid:

- ✓ dues of obedience to God's Word
- ✓ dues of accountability to God
- ✓ dues of moral responsibility...

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Owner or Tenant?

“To follow God fully means taking steps along the perilous pathway of trust, roped to the safest guide in the universe.”

John White

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Owner or Tenant?

‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise.’

Rev. 5:12

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Owner or Tenant?

- What kind of tenant are you?*
- What kind of tenant am I?*