



Signs of Christmas Part Five: The Stumbling Stone

Luke 2:34-35

1. His _____ Purpose

It is the downfall of the arrogant and the elevation of the meek that Jesus Christ commands. For He is appointed to accomplish the work of redemption for those who humble themselves before God and receive His grace.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. ~ Matthew 23:12

2. His _____ Opposition

During His life on earth the Lord Jesus was hated and mocked, ridiculed and maligned by those who stood in hostile opposition to Him. He was a sign his antagonists opposed, and they still oppose Him today.

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ~ Mark 3:22

3. His _____ Exposé

The rejection of the Messiah exposed the truth of the hearts of those who were religious without any love for God. In the end, they declared their worldly allegiance and ultimate rejection of Christ.

They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ~ John 19:15

Acts 4:11-12

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."



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Additional Scripture References
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Isaiah 2:11

The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled, and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.

Luke 1:52

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate.

1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

Acts 13:8

But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

2 Timothy 3:8

Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.

1 Corinthians 16:9

For a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

Proverbs 26:26

though his hatred be covered with deception, his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.