

- MAIN POINT: Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith
- Introduce series - Jesus in the Old Testament
 - The Bible is one cohesive story that points to our need for a Savior
 - How do the stories and prophecies point to Jesus?
- Psalm 118:22-23
 - Psalms is a collection of poems, songs and prayers
- Psalm 118:22
 - Stone=Jesus, Builders=Leaders of Israel
 - Rejection and then exaltation (elevation)
 - References a prophecy for the coming Savior and how He would be rejected by the leaders of Israel
 - Isaiah 28:16
- What is a cornerstone?
 - Stones were used as building material rather than the steel, concrete and brick we have today
 - Importance of the cornerstone
 - Story about laying foundation with Dad
 - Builders would analyze the stones to see which one would be the biggest or the strongest to use for the cornerstone, throwing out or rejecting the stones that weren't strong enough
- This metaphor represents a common theme used throughout the Old Testament: God often uses the rejected and the weak to accomplish His goals, ignoring the strong
 - David - A young, inexperienced shepherd boy is chosen to become one of Israel's greatest kings
 - Uses Moses, who has a speech impediment, to speak on His behalf to the Pharaoh to free His people
 - Called skittish Gideon, the youngest in the family, to lead the armies against the Midianites
 - Reinforced in Matthew 19:30

- This Old Testament Psalm is one of the most referenced scriptures in the New Testament - Quoted 6 total times
 - Jesus quotes this Old Testament Psalm when confronted by the leaders of Israel after coming in to Jerusalem - Matthew 21:42
 - Set the scene
 - The DAY BEFORE He was to be crucified
 - Jesus seen as weak, broken - rejected by the leaders of Israel
 - Imagine Him singing this Psalm in front of the religious leaders the day before He would be crucified
 - Uses Jesus and makes him the CHIEF cornerstone of our faith
- Psalm 118:23
 - This was the Lord's doing
 - Jesus KNEW what was going to happen, He KNEW that He was going to be rejected, broken, stepped on, spit on, yet He sacrificed Himself anyway
 - That's someone that I am PROUD to call my creator, my father, my friend
 - When we understand the full meaning of God's sacrifice, it will be marvelous to our eyes
 - The need for a savior, the sacrifice after living a perfect life, then the resurrection to defeat death
- Are we treating Jesus as our cornerstone? Are we using Him to measure our life? Letting Him speak into every single corner of our life? Are we building our house, ourselves, off of His foundation?