



JESUS: Sent to Earth
JESUS: Sent to Build the Church
Matthew 16:18
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Sermon Summary

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and tongue confess! Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. He is the Son of Man and the Son of God. Jesus is the Light of the World, its Savior and Redeemer. Jesus is the Cornerstone. He is the Rock for the Ages! The names of Jesus are descriptive of His nature and His mission. Jesus was sent by God on mission to build the church. Jesus sends those He saves to continue His mission. The names of Jesus help those He sends to see more clearly their mission to Live Sent!

Diving Into The Message

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Matthew 16:15-18***

Cornerstone, Rock | Psalm 118:22-23, Matthew 21:33-46

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. **Psalm 118:22-23***

Names of Jesus

- Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4)
- Cornerstone (Acts 4:11)
- Stone for a Foundation (Isaiah 28:16)
- Flinty Rock (Deuteronomy 8:15)
- Stone Cut Without Hands (Daniel 2:44-45)
- Stone with Seven Eyes (Zechariah 3:9)
- Stumbling Stone & Rock of Offense (Isaiah 28:16, Romans 9:33)

Jesus is a Stumbling Stone and Rock of Offense to those who Reject Him.

“Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

Matthew 21:33-44

*And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. **Matthew 21:44 KJV***

Jesus is the Rock that Can Crush you into Powder.

They could see no excellence in him that they should build upon him; he could not be made to fit in with their ideal of a national church, he was a stone of another quarry from themselves, and not after their mind nor according to their taste; therefore they cast him away and poured contempt upon him.

Spurgeon

Still do the builders refuse him. Spurgeon

Jesus is the Rock that Will Save you and Give you Forever Life.

Jesus in all things has preeminence, he is the principal stone of the whole house of God. Spurgeon

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Is Jesus the Rock of your salvation?

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. Psalm 62:6

Is Jesus the Foundation of your Faith?

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken. Isaiah 28:16 (quoted in 1 Peter 2:4)

Jesus is the foundation of sound decisions, inner confidence and perpetual hope.

Robert J. Morgan, "He Shall Be Called" p. 88

Jesus is the foundation of salvation, peace that surpasses all understanding and everlasting life.

There are many footings, but only one Rock. There are many foundations, but only one that will never erode. Robert J. Morgan, "He Shall Be Called" p. 85

Philosophically, Jesus is the only foundation for sound living.

Morally, He's the only foundation for clean living.

Emotionally, He's the only foundation for [joy-filled] living.

Relationally, He's the only foundation for harmonious living.

Intellectually, He's the only foundation for healthy thinking.

Vocationally, He's the only foundation for lasting success.

Spiritually, Jesus is the only foundation for eternal life.

Robert J. Morgan, "He Shall Be Called" pp. 86-87

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. Acts 4:11-12

Will Jesus the Rock, Crush You into Powder?

Will Jesus the Rock, Save You and Give You Forever Life?

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, All Other Ground is Sinking Sand.

LIFE APPLICATION SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Life Application Questions

1. What name for Jesus stood out to you in last series JESUS: Sent to Earth and why? (Immanuel, Son of Man, Son of God, Light, Savior, Redeemer)
2. How do the names of Jesus help us understand what the Father sent Him to do?
3. How can the names of Jesus help us do what Jesus sends us to do?
4. JESUS: Sent to Build the Church. What have you learned from Matthew 16:13-19?
5. Jesus is the stone that was rejected. Who has rejected Him? Who rejects Him today? What happens to those who reject Jesus? Matthew 21:42-44
6. What happens to those who repent of their sins and believe in Jesus, receiving him as the foundation of their salvation? (Ephesians 2:22, Isaiah 28:16, 1 Peter 2:2-10)
7. What is the Gospel? What is the appropriate response to the Gospel? How have you responded to the Gospel? Have you been sent to share the Gospel with others? Are you living sent? (John 20:21, 17:18)