



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Series- King & his Kingdom Part 12

### **The stone the builders rejected**

*17 Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"?  
18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." (Luke 20:9-20)*

- 1. The context:** Jesus entering Jerusalem, his anger in the temple and the questioning of his authority.
  
- 2. Isaiah 5 and the vineyard as Israel.**
  
- 3. The parable:**
  - The servants as the prophets and emblems of Gods outstretched arm.
  - The Son as the climax of Gods saving purpose. The capstone.
  - The stone rejected will become the stone that falls on those who reject the Messiah.

Implications- God is patient in reaching out and calling us to himself.

#### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Luke 19:28-20:8. How does this context provide a frame for this parable?
2. Read Luke 20:9-12. Who do you think are represented by the servants in this parable? What does Nehemiah 9:26-27 and Jeremiah 7:25-26 have to say about this?
3. Read Luke 20:13-14. What does the land owner resolve to do? What is the response of the tenants?
4. Read Luke 20:15- 16. What does the parable teach about the landowners response to the wickedness of the tenants?
5. Read Luke 20:17-19. Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22. What do you think he is saying about the meaning of his story? How does Daniel 2:34-35 shed light on the meaning of this parable?

#### **B. Meditation & application**

6. Why do you think Jesus tells this parable and what does it reveal about the character of God?
7. This parable speaks about Gods patience with human disobedience and his eventual judgement on those who reject his kingship. How is this tension played out across scripture? How do you feel about God as judge? Is God just in judging people for their rejection of his Son?
8. In what ways have you observed Gods patience with you in your life?
9. What does the message of this parable of patient invitation and judgement inspire you to live out your Christian discipleship?

**A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we thankyou that you are patient with us and that you relentlessly invite us to yourself. Help us to receive your Son as our capstone that we might know salvation and enjoy fellowship with You. In Jesus Name- Amen.**