

# “REJECT OR CONNECT”

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**Matthew 21:42-44** Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The Stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this Stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

## CAPSTONE FEATURES

1. The **STRUCTURE** rises to support it.
2. It is **RAISED TO A PLACE** to be admired by all.
3. It **BINDS & COMPLETES** the entire structure.

To **REJECT** Jesus is to **REJECT** God’s **STRUCTURE**.

Isaiah 26:16 “See, I lay a Stone in Zion , a tested Stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.”

To **CONNECT** is to consider Jesus as **TRUSTWORTHY**.

**1 Peter 2:4-5** As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men 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.

Jesus is the **CRUSHING OR UNIFYING** Stone.

**1 Peter 2: 7-8** Now to you who believe, this Stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The Stone the builders rejected has become a capstone,” and, “A Stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message.