

# February 25, 2024 "Psalm 118" Rick Raines rraines@fairmountcc.org

This February, we are enjoying "Psalms of the Savior".

We have discovered Jesus is the **Shepherd**, the **Servant**, and the **King**.

Today, we see Jesus as the **Stone the Builders Rejected**.

Psalm 118 is full of thankfulness and worship.

As the Psalm reaches its climax, it is noted that a **<u>future leader</u>** is on the horizon – one who will be both **<u>rejected</u>** and **<u>exalted</u>**.

## Psalm 118:22-24

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Jesus is that leader - He is the stone.

# Matthew 21:42

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the corner-stone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

### Acts 4:11-12

"Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

# 1 Peter 2:4-8

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans 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. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

- Some reject Jesus.
- Some **exalt** Jesus.

Psalm 118:26

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

### Which will you do?