

LG Notes: 1 Peter 2:4 – 12**1. READ 1 Peter 2:4 – 12**

2. What truth about Jesus comes into focus in the section in 1 Peter 2:4 – 12. What opinions of Jesus are expressed? Why do people today reject Jesus?
3. Today, opinions not based on fact are everywhere on social media & the internet. Why is it important in such a day to direct unbelievers to the Bible as the source about Jesus?
4. In 2005, the American satirist, Stephen Colbert, said, “It used to be, everyone was entitled to their own opinion, but not their own facts. But that’s not the case anymore. The facts do not matter at all.” Can this encourage the Christian to advance the biblical view of Jesus?
5. Why must the Christian know the truth about Jesus from the Bible & stand firm in that truth against opinions of Jesus not based on the Bible?
6. **1Peter 2:4**, “rejected by men” is a reference to the Jewish leaders’ response to Jesus. How could religious Jews, who were students of Jewish scripture & ingrained with the prophecies concerning the Messiah miss recognizing Jesus?
NOTE: Encyclopedia of Bible Prophecy - 191 prophetic references to Christ fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth; Alfred Edersheim says Jewish rabbis identify 456 Messianic references.
7. In v7 Peter uses a Messianic quote from Psalm 118:22. How did this relate to Jesus? See Psalm 118:23.
8. Peter refers to Jesus as the “living stone” & his readers as “living stones”. What is significant about these descriptions in Peter’s usage? See Matthew 16:13-18.
9. 1 Peter2:5 believers are described as “living stones” who are “being built up a spiritual house”. How does this describe the Church?
10. How does Peter identify true believers in v5? What is another identifier he gives in v7?
11. The true believer’s view of Jesus aligns with God’s view of Jesus. What does God say about Jesus in Isaiah 28:16?
12. The word “precious” speaks of something or someone highly esteemed & held in honour dear to, treasured, & of great personal value. How does this apply to Jesus?
13. In 1 Peter 2:9-10, Peter details God’s blessing to believers thro’ Jesus. What are they? How can you stand firm in these truths?
14. Jesus is precious to God because thro’ Him God has achieved His purposes to redeem humanity & the world He created. How should this affect the preciousness of Jesus to us?
15. What is significant about comparing Exodus 19:5-6 and 1 Peter 2:9? See Eph 2:19-20.
16. In 1 Peter 2v4 Jesus as a “living stone” is rejected & in v8, He is a cause of stumbling & offense. What do stumbling stones do? How does this apply to Jesus in view of Matthew 21:42 – 44? What does this tell us about Jesus regarding human destiny?