Resisting Jesus

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Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 1 Peter 2:7

How should we handle the message of Jesus?

- 1) You cannot **control** Jesus (v.1-2).
 - a. We can't deny Jesus' authority. Matt 28:18.
 - b. We can't put Jesus under **obligation**. Jesus needs no permission
 - c. Mankind hates a God they can't control or **manipulate**.
- 2) You **dare** not reject Jesus. (v.3-8)
 - a. What do you believe about the gospel?
 - b. Will you **repent**?
 - c. Jesus **demands** an answer (v.4)
- 3) We cannot **ignore** His Kingdom message (v.9-19).
 - a. God's vineyard **always** belongs to Him (v.9).
 - *b.* God is always looking for **fruit** in his vineyard (v.10-12).
 - c. People are born in rebellion of God always (v.13-16).
- 4) We cannot avoid His **coming** Kingdom (v.17-18)
 - a. People stumble and are broken on the cornerstone. Isa 8:14-15
 - *b.* This world kingdoms will be ground to powder by this cornerstone. *Da 2:34*

Summary thoughts:

- You cannot put Jesus under **<u>obligation</u>** to fulfill your **<u>expectations</u>**.
- You dare not be **<u>indifferent</u>** to the gospel message.
- We should not mistake stewardship for <u>ownership</u> with the elements of our life (people, possessions and purposes).

We had better build our lives on the solid rock – Jesus. He is irresistible