

4. The _____ of Christ and His Followers for _____.

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Matthew 21:31, 32 NIV

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” ²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28-31 NIV

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Mathew 5:43-48 NIV

QUESTION:

Am I known as someone who _____ like Jesus does?

Lets Get Behind Him

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When Followers Stumble Over Jesus.

Mark 12:1-12

Matthew 21:33-46 & Luke 20:9-19

1 Peter 2:4-12 & Isaiah 5:1-7

(for further Study)

Key Words/Ideas:

- Cornerstone/Capstone
- *skandalon* (σκάνδαλον) 1 Peter 2:8 = _____
- servant = _____ (an Old Testament allusion)

The Parable of the Tenants

Reasons People Stumble Over Jesus.

1. The Expectation of _____ and _____ What God Says!

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,”⁸ and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—
1 Peter 2:7, 8 NIV

The Parable of the two sons – Matthew 21:28-32

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Matthew 21:31, 32 NIV

“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.⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”
Matthew 21:43-44 NIV

“If you love me, keep my commands. John 14:15 NIV

QUESTION:

Am I someone who _____ what the _____ wants?

2. The Exclusivity of _____, the _____ and _____.

“He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’
Mark 12:6 NIV

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
John 14:6 NIV

This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people.
1 Timothy 2:2-6 NIV

When Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...¹¹ Jesus is “‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:8-12 NIV

QUESTION:

Am I trusting in _____ _____ for mine and other’s _____?

3. The Assurance of Eternal _____.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”
Matthew 21:40, 41 NIV

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Matthew 21:43, 44 NIV

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink . . .⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
Matthew 25:41-46 ESV

“For God so loved the world . . .¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
John 3:16-18 ESV

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.
Romans 2:4, 5 NIV

QUESTION:

At the time of _____ am I confident in my _____
with Jesus Christ? Do I know that He’s got me?