

God is in Charge!

**Acknowledging God's
position & authority!**

Matthew
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squandered his wealth
had spent everything,
in that whole country
need. So he went and
zen of that country, w
feed pigs. He longed
pods that the pigs we
him anything.

"When he came to his
many of my father's h
spare, and here I am
set out and go back to

Matthew 21:33-46

**The Parable of the
wicked Tenants**

This parable has much to
tell us about...

1. GOD

- This parable reveals God's *trust*.
- This parable reveals God's *patience*.

Matthew 21:34-36

- This parable reveals God's *judgement*.

Matthew 21:40-41

This parable has much to
tell us about...

2. US

- This parable reveals our *privilege.*
- This parable reveals our *freedom.*

- This parable reveals our *accountability*.

- This parable reveals the *deliberateness* of our sin.

This parable has much to
tell us about...

2. JESUS

- This parable reveals the *claim* of Jesus.
- This parable reveals the *sacrifice* Jesus.

Matthew 21:40-41

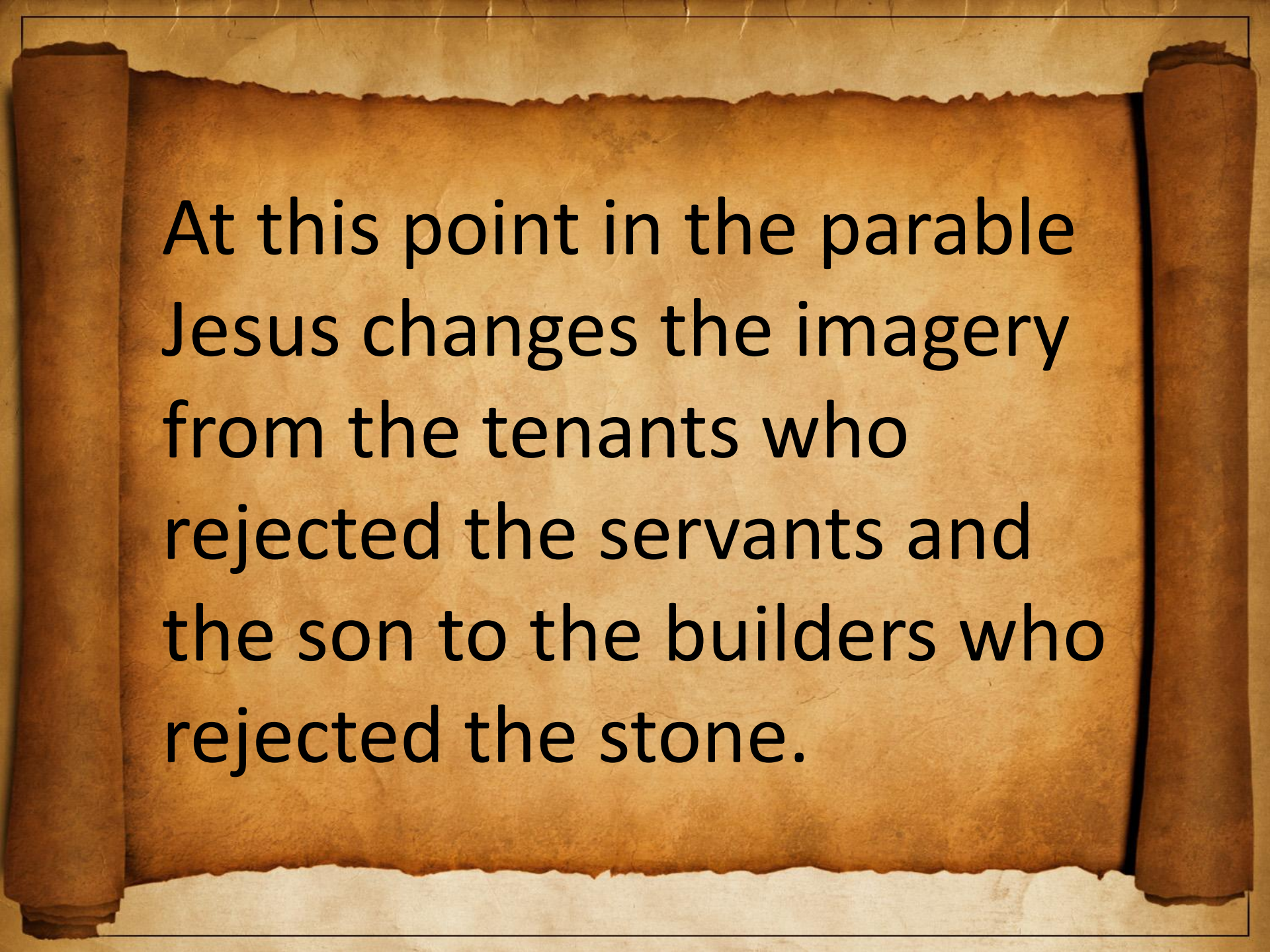
In trying to reach us with His love, God finally sent His own Son.

If we ignore and reject God's gracious gift of His Son, then we reject God Himself.

Jesus reinforces His rebuke.

Matthew 21:42

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 marvellous in our eyes'"?

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At this point in the parable
Jesus changes the imagery
from the tenants who
rejected the servants and
the son to the builders who
rejected the stone.

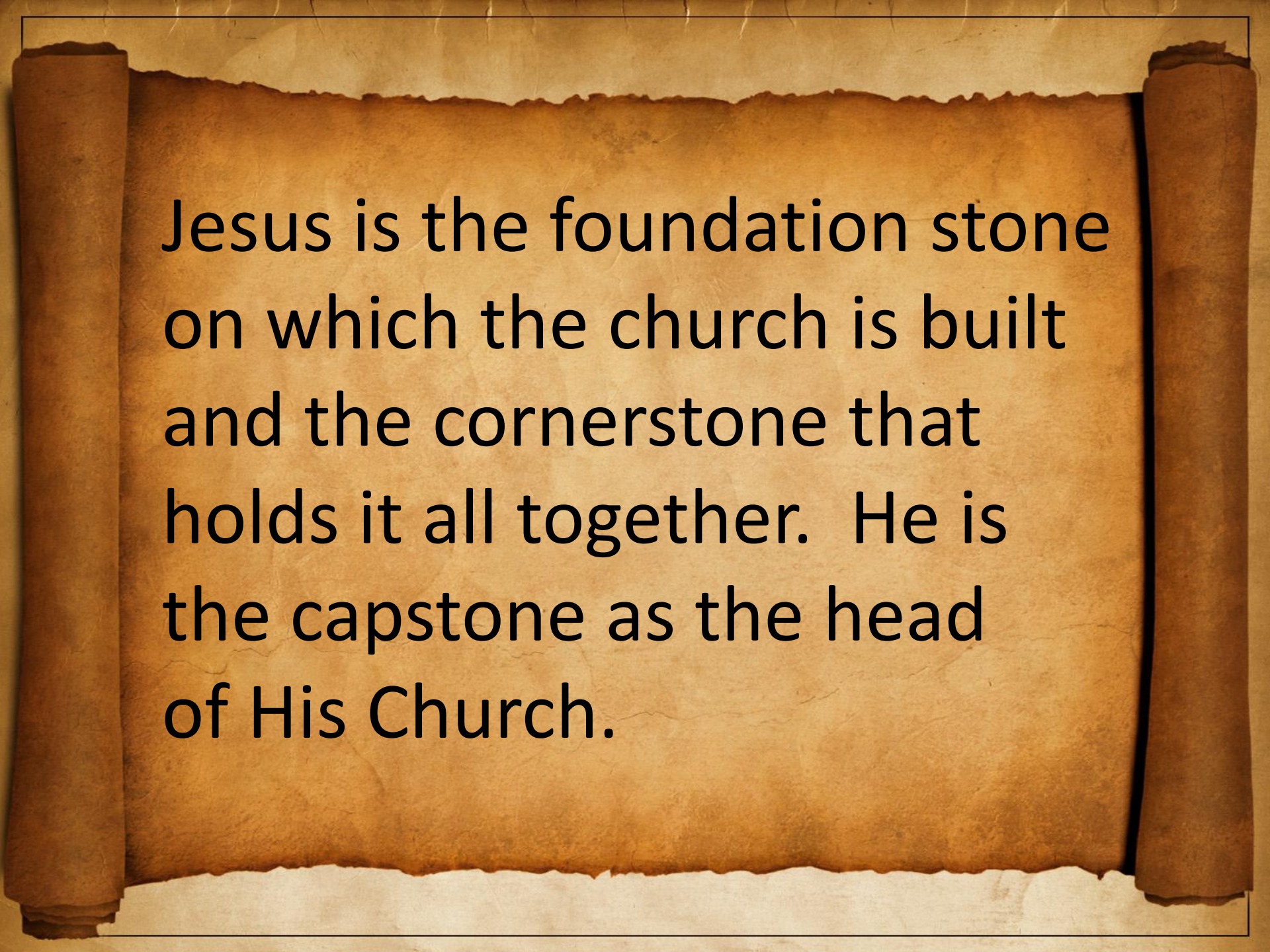
Jesus refers to Himself as "*the stone the builders rejected.*"

This picture of the stone which the builders rejected was the most important stone in the whole building!

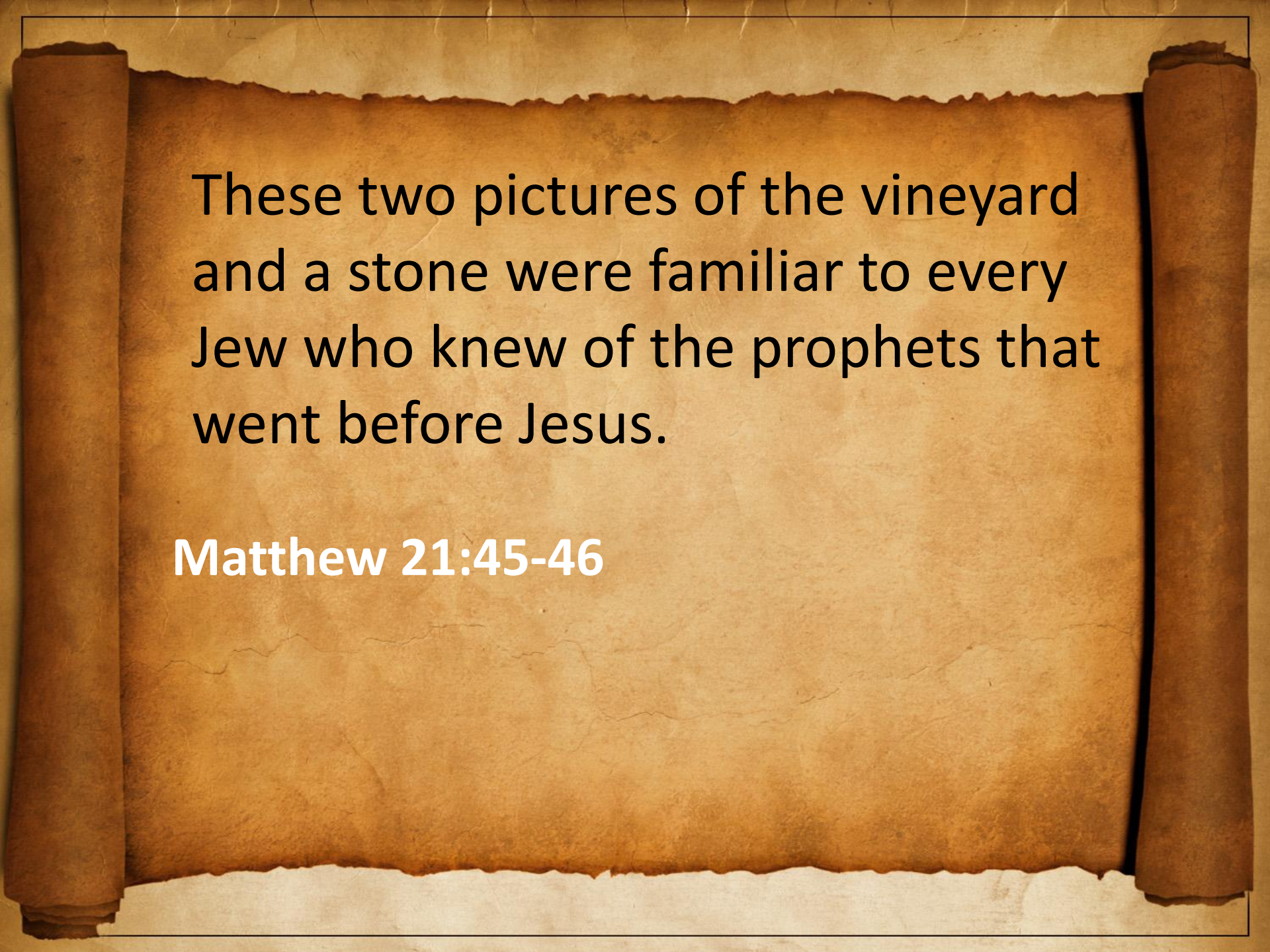
Matthew 21:44

He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.

Jesus used this metaphor to show that one stone can affect people in different ways, depending on how they relate to it.

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Jesus is the foundation stone
on which the church is built
and the cornerstone that
holds it all together. He is
the capstone as the head
of His Church.

A scroll of aged, yellowish-brown parchment with a rough, torn edge. The scroll is unrolled, showing two cylindrical sections on the left and right sides. The text is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

These two pictures of the vineyard
and a stone were familiar to every
Jew who knew of the prophets that
went before Jesus.

Matthew 21:45-46

The essence of the Christian life can be summed up in one word ***“relationship”***. God wants to have a relationship with us.

**God is the Creator. We are the Creation!
Let us choose to place God in His rightful
position of authority in our life by
surrendering completely to Him.**

We should display the same attitude
of David the Psalmist;

Psalm 119:33

*Just tell me what to do and I will do it,
Lord. As long as I live I'll wholeheartedly
obey.*

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