

Sneak Peak” at the Second Lesson Using Meditations

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that
among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for
the lasting joys of heaven... Amen.

(Prayer of the Day for Easter 5)

1 Peter 2:4-20

Living Stones

⁴ As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.^[a]

⁷ Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,*^[b]

⁸ and, *a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall.*^[c]

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

Footnotes:

- a. [1 Peter 2:6](#) [Isaiah 28:16](#)
- b. [1 Peter 2:7](#) [Psalm 118:22](#)
- c. [1 Peter 2:8](#) [Isaiah 8:14](#)

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THE QUESTION(S) OF THE DAY:

- 1) How did you “come to him?” (Is that even the right question?)
- 2) Note the two word-pictures.
- 3) Peter says, “*for it says in Scripture.*” Why do you think that is important?
- 4) Verses 9-10. Who? For what? Wow!

Gracious God of peace, even though the world is in chaos around me, grant me peace in my heart through the glorious death and resurrection of Jesus, my Good Shepherd. Amen.

The themes for the Sundays are keyed to the Gospel message of the season: The Redeemer Lives!

- Easter Dawn: He lives to dry my tears and take away my fears
- Easter Festival: He lives to take me from death to life
- Easter 2: He lives to give me proof and peace
- Easter 3: He lives to restore my Hope
- Easter 4: He lives to be my Good Shepherd
- Easter 5: He lives to be the only Way to heaven
- Easter 6: He lives to call me to live for him
- Ascension: He lives to rule all things for the Church
- Easter 7: He lives to give me eager expectation of glory