

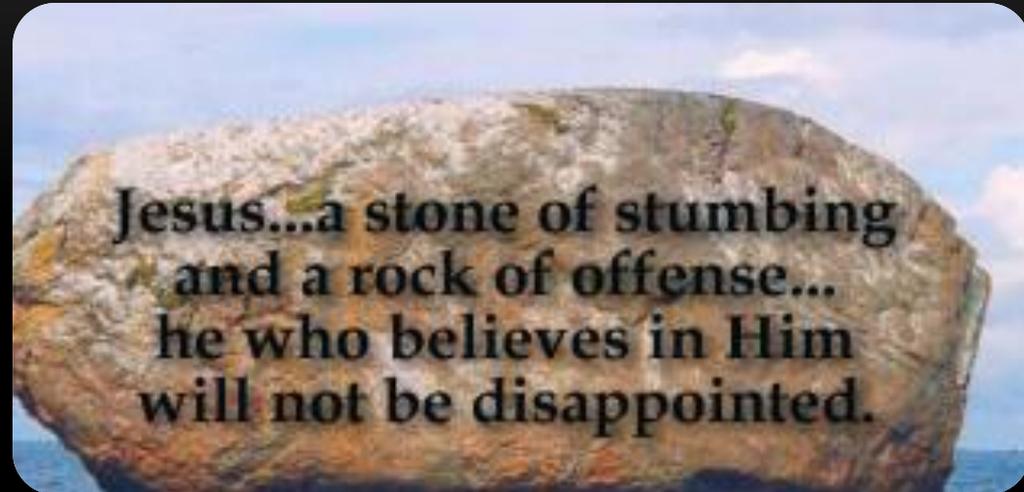
“This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”

Luke 7:39



Stumbling at Goodness?

Reasons & Examples



Jesus...a stone of stumbling
and a rock of offense...
he who believes in Him
will not be disappointed.

1. Hardness of Heart ⁽¹⁾

- At Zacchaeus' house:
“But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

Luke 19:7



1. Hardness of Heart (2)

- “And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Matthew 9:11

- Getting offended at the church for showing mercy to sinners!

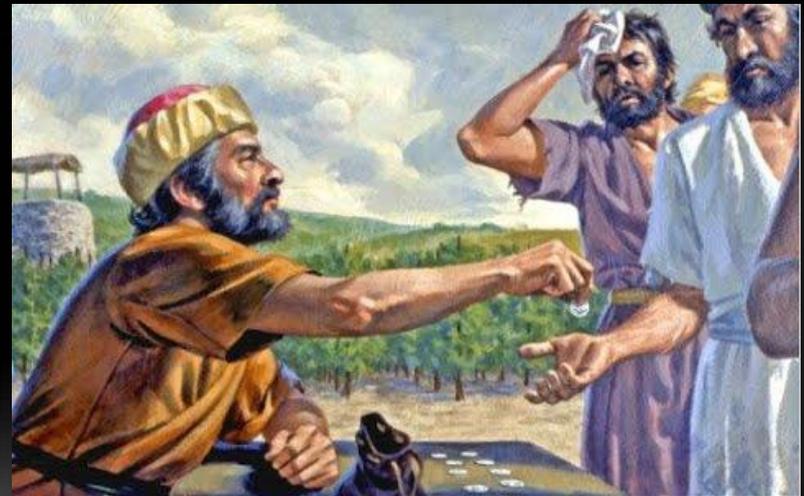


2. The Evil eye

- The laborers of the first hour:
“Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?”

Matthew 20:15

- Getting offended at God’s generosity?



3. Legalism



- “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” *John 9:16*
- Abandoning love, submission, unity, and fellowship to honor the service of the letter!

4. Corrupt motive

- “But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief” *John 12:4 - 6*

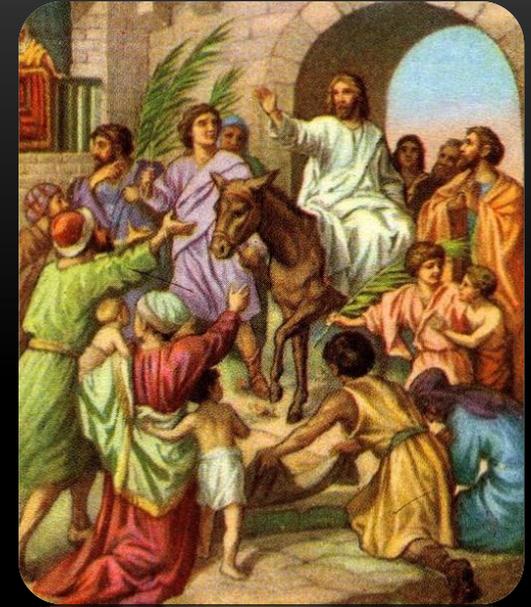


5. The Pride of the Heart

- The Jews stumbling at the Lord Christ's humility: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

John 1:46

- "And when we see Him,
*There is no beauty that we
should desire Him*" *Isaiah 53:2*



6. Trusting human wisdom rather than God's

- “Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you?” *John 6:60-61*



7. Stumbling at the Cross

- “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”

1 Corinthians 1:18



8. Exposing our Weaknesses

- “Let no one among us be exempt from our indulgence... Therefore, let us encircle the just,... for his life is unlike other men’s lives, and immutable are his ways”

Wisdom 2:9,12,15

