Story of the Chief Cornerstone

This is going to be a beautiful building. When do you think they will finish?

I don’t know, but it surely is fun to watch all the work.

Here’s the stones you ordered. They’re from that quarry out in the country.

Nice looking stones. Hey wait. This one doesn’t match. Color’s different and one side is real smooth. Let’s put it over here.

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Yeah … it’s a dumb looking stone. So different. I don’t like it at all.
Hey, Smitty ... move that stone out of the way again.

Why don’t we just get rid of it for good? I suppose we’ll just have to wait until we finish the whole job.

Mr. Foreman, your people have done a good job. You know the dedication is scheduled soon. We’re going to have a ceremony and put in a cornerstone.

Well, we’re going to be done just in time. But where will we find a distinctive block of stone for the cornerstone?

It should be a nice contrasting color and should have a smooth surface for engraving the dedication date.

Well, the only extra stone we have is this one. It’s sort of different and we’d had it on the trash heap. People kept stumbling over it.

That’s perfect! The right size, the right color, and the right surface!

How about that. We had reject it and now it’s going to be the most important stone in the whole building.
You know, this story reminds me of Jesus. He was like that stone.

Right ... lots of people in his day rejected him. They were mad at him and threatened him.

Exactly ... then people realized he was the promised Messiah, the one needed to save the world from its sinful condition.

Yep! He died for their sins. He rose again from the grave. Then they welcomed him and received him into their lives as the Lord and Savior.