

## 4 • Christ: Wisdom in the Flesh

“What is WISDOM?” Wisdom is  
“knowing which way to go.” God has  
not only provided a TREASURE

CHEST full of written wisdom in the Bible, but wisdom walked among us in the flesh.

Sometimes, “the wisdom of the world” views the message of the gospel as “folly” or “foolishness.”  
A God who would die doesn’t make much sense to many people. Listen to 1 Corinthians 1:

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach \_\_\_\_\_ crucified,  
a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and  
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (1:22-24)

Notice especially how 1 Corinthians 1:30 makes a very important point:

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to  
\_\_\_\_\_ wisdom from God...

Wisdom walked among us in the flesh. What is wisdom? Knowing  
which way to go, which is exactly why Jesus said things like:

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take  
up his cross daily and \_\_\_\_\_ me.” (Luke 9:23)

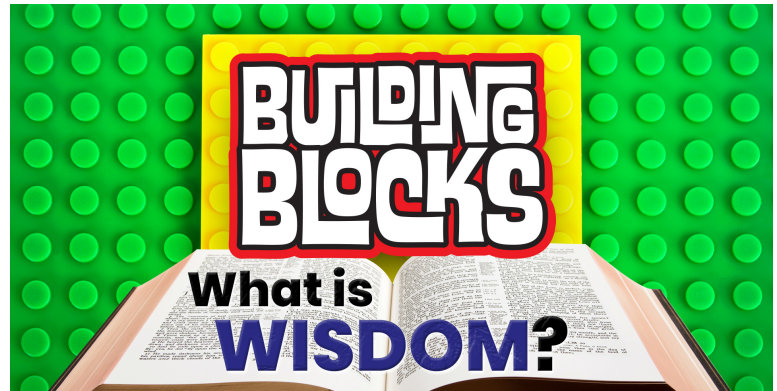
In fact, Jesus would even go so far as to say:

“I am the \_\_\_\_\_...” (John 14:6)

So what does all of this mean for us? Let’s listen carefully to the call of Colossians 3:

Let the word of Christ dwell in \_\_\_\_\_ richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all  
wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks  
to God the Father through him. (3:16-17)

Our Creator has provided everything we need to “reach all the riches of full assurance of  
understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are  
\_\_\_\_\_ all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:2-3).



# FOUNDATION STONES



Let's open our Bibles back to **Matthew 7**. Jesus is God's wisdom in the flesh. No one has ever been more wise than Jesus! Can you see in **Matthew 7:28-29** what people thought when Jesus finished his famous Sermon on the Mount? Fill in the blanks:

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were \_\_\_\_\_ at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had \_\_\_\_\_, and not as their scribes.

How did Jesus conclude this famous sermon? Let's read **Matthew 7:24-27** together. Can you draw a picture of Jesus' famous illustration below?

What's it going to take for me to be a "wise" young person who builds my life on the rock?

Finally, we heard **Colossians 3:16** calling us to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." What does that mean? How can Jesus' word **DWELL** in me?

## NEXT Wednesday:

We'll finish our series by exploring one of the most important questions we can ask in any situation: "What's the wise thing to do?"