

Jesus: The Wisdom of God

In one of the first sermons in this series, *Becoming Wise: A Matter of Life and Death*, Steve asked a simple, but important question. He asked, “Do you want to become wise?” If your answer to that is, “yes,” then you must walk with wise people. And when it comes to wise people, there is no one like Jesus. If you want to become wise, you MUST walk with Jesus. He is wisdom from God! Any attempt to understand wisdom and how we become wise, would be woefully incomplete without considering Jesus. And so that’s what we are going to do today.

Opening Discussion: How has God been using this series on wisdom in your life?

Read Luke 2:40-52

1. This passage is the only account we have from Jesus’ life as a boy. Why do you think Luke chose to include this?
2. What does it reveal about Jesus?

Read Matthew 12:38-42

3. What does this reveal about Jesus?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says, “something greater than Solomon is here”?

Read Colossians 2:1-3

5. What does this reveal about Jesus?

6. Read Proverbs 2:1-5. Is it possible that Paul had this passage in mind as he wrote Colossians 2:3? What does this passage in Proverbs suggest is appropriate behavior if we are seeking wisdom?

Brian said:

You must **choose to trust him** in the sense that you decide that Jesus knows best. If your approach to following Jesus is to follow him only when it makes sense to you, you are not actually following him and his perfect wisdom. Jesus says some hard things at times. Things like, *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”* (Matt. 5:44). He said, *“Whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it”* (Matt. 16:25). He said, *“. . . none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions”* (Luke 14:33). If Jesus is perfect in his wisdom, then he is right about these things . . . right? These hard things reflect wisdom about how we are to live our lives. And so, you have a choice. Will you choose to follow Jesus’ wisdom or go with what seems best to you? If you are going to follow him, you need to choose to trust him. Always. About everything he says and asks of you.

7. Why do you think it is necessary to make this foundational decision to trust that Jesus knows best in order to walk in true wisdom?
8. Would you say you have made this foundational decision to choose to trust Jesus? Why or why not?
9. Brian suggested that to grow in wisdom we should be students of his words and observe his life. How might both of these things help us to learn wisdom from Jesus?
10. In what area of your life do you feel the greatest need to seek wisdom from Jesus?