

Wisdom in a Person (1)

Introduction

In this and the next few studies we turn our attention away from the wisdom literature of the Old Testament to Jesus as the One who is both the embodiment of wisdom and the wisdom teacher *par excellence*, the One who will ultimately restore order to God's world. We look first at Jesus as He appears in the Gospels and then consider what is said about Jesus and wisdom in the remainder of the New Testament.

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying.

Read: Matthew 1vs1-2vs23; Luke 1vs1-2vs52

Answer the following questions:

1. What title do both Matthew and Luke give to Jesus?
2. What is the significance of the title 'Son of David' and related terms as applied to Jesus?
3. According to these passages, what did Jesus come to do?
4. How is Jesus relationship to God described?

5. How does Luke describe Jesus 'growth'?

Read: Matthew 11:1-30

Note: The references in this chapter to Jesus' miracles
Jesus' reference to *wisdom* and *the wise*

Answer the following questions:

1. What evidence was there that Jesus was indeed the Christ?
2. Why did Jesus denounce Korazin and Bethsaida?
3. How should the truly wise person respond to Jesus' deeds?
4. What was the problem with the "wise and learned" mentioned in Matthew 11:25?

Think it Through

In what way do Jesus' miracles point to the *restoration of order*?