

## Wisdom in a Person (2)

### Introduction

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In the previous study we noted Jesus' identity as the Messiah, the One who is God's anointed King. In this capacity Jesus acts to save us from sin and the consequences of sin and to restore order to God's fallen world. Jesus' miracles point to His identity as the Messiah and to this future restoration. Jesus' actions thus pose a challenge for the watching world. Will they be wise and come to acknowledge Him for Who He is, or will they be foolish and ignore God's revelation of Himself in Christ? In this present study, we turn our attention from Jesus actions to His teaching and note that God's wisdom is revealed in the words of Jesus. The wise person is thus the one who both hears and does what Jesus, the Teacher of true wisdom, says.

### Study Questions

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

**Read:** Matthew 5vs1-7vs29; Matthew 13vs1-58; Matthew 21vs23-22vs45

**Note:** Jesus' use of the *two ways* imagery.

Jesus' use of parables, similes and the language of wisdom, such as His appeal to his hearers to *hear and understand* (Matthew 13vs1-50, compare Proverbs 8vs1-5)

Jesus' success in answering His opponents (Matthew 22vs34-45)

**Answer** the following questions:

1. What, according to Jesus' words in Matthew 7vs24-28 makes a person *wise* or *foolish*? What does this say about Jesus?

