

*He is Risen!*  
*He is Risen Indeed!*



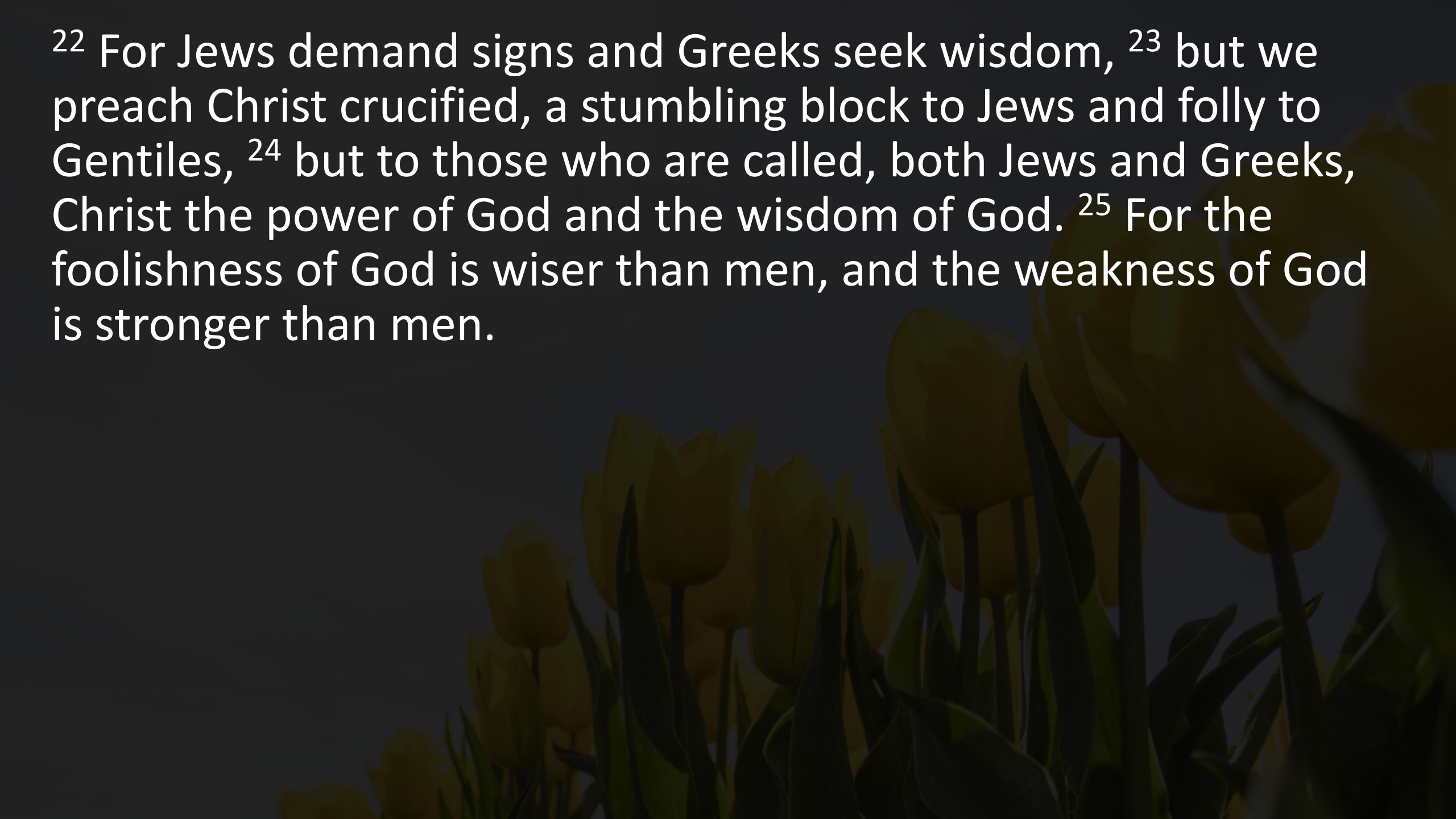
## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”*

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.



<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

# Our Search for Wisdom

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand **signs** and Greeks seek **wisdom**, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a **stumbling block** to Jews and **folly** to Gentiles...

We all try to make sense of life...of pain, love, purpose, eternity.

## Religiously

Religious behavior  
and elitism.

Based on my  
tradition.

## Spiritually

Spiritual buffet;  
pick and choose.

Based on my  
understanding

## Worldly

Eat, Drink  
and Be Merry.

Based on my  
enjoyment

# Our Search for Wisdom

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Searching for wisdom is a God-given gift,  
but our solutions leave us hungry for more.

# Our Search for Wisdom

For the ***word of the cross*** is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

But the Gospel frustrates us.  
"What about...?"  
"If I were God, I wouldn't..."

We want to remove the need for faith while retaining control.

***Not illogical but uber-logical.***

The Word became flesh.

Not about earning or understanding, but about Jesus.

Not about information, guidelines or guidance, but about Jesus.

# Wisdom In The Flesh

Matthew 28:1-6

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

God is Transcendent  
(totally beyond us)



God became Imminent  
(totally one of us)

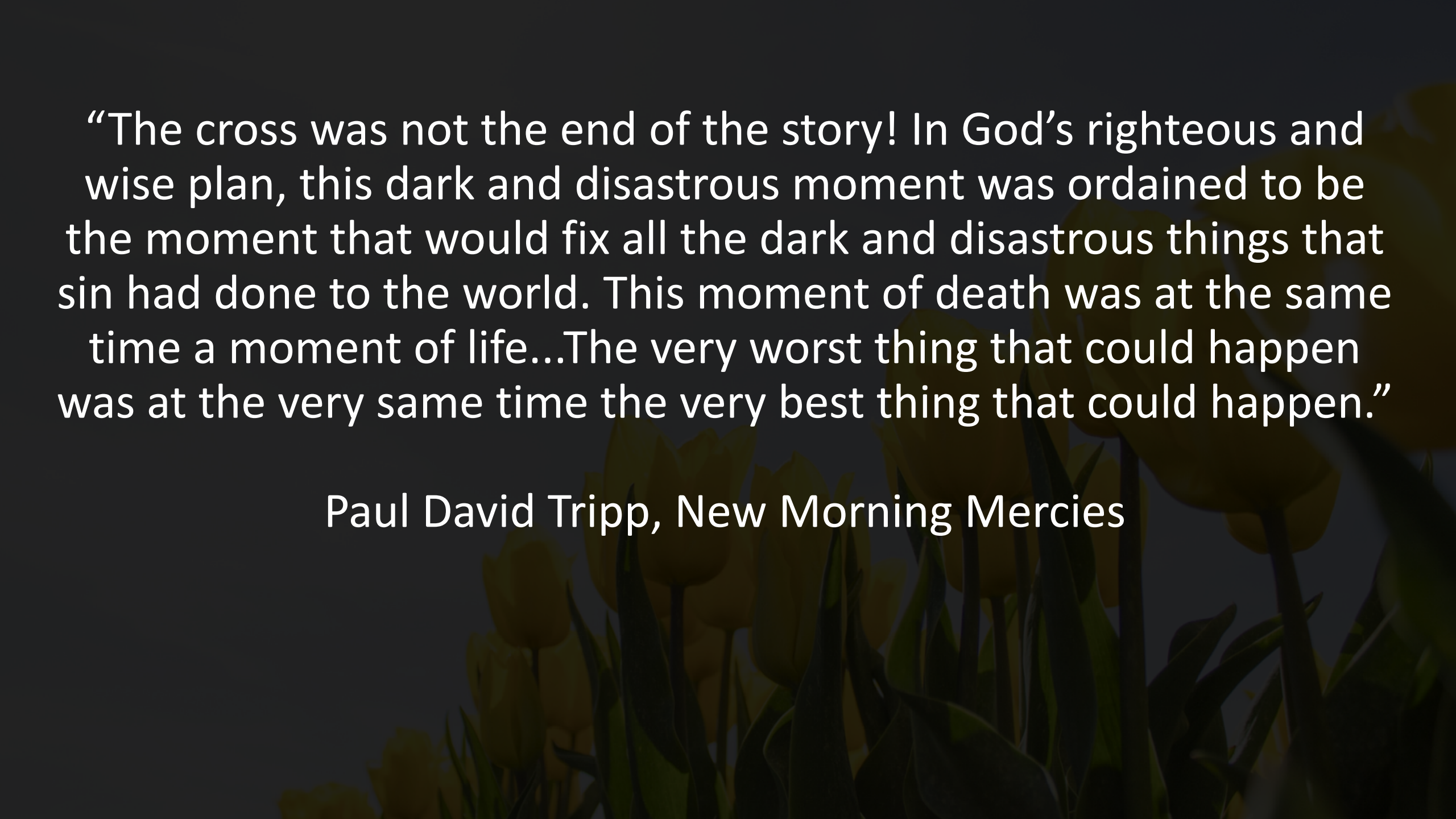


The Immortal God...  
Was murdered



Our Murdered God  
Rose from the dead





“The cross was not the end of the story! In God’s righteous and wise plan, this dark and disastrous moment was ordained to be the moment that would fix all the dark and disastrous things that sin had done to the world. This moment of death was at the same time a moment of life...The very worst thing that could happen was at the very same time the very best thing that could happen.”

Paul David Tripp, *New Morning Mercies*

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Jesus, the Word of God, came not to just tell us, but show us, and give it to us, and bring us to himself.

**Wisdom** (knowing what to do) + **Power** (the ability to do it)

# Wisdom In Life

## Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

<sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

<sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh  
and refreshment to your bones.

In what is your trust?

How do you decide what is  
true and what to do?

What can hold the weight  
of your life?

Can you relinquish control?

# Wisdom In Life

<sup>21b</sup> it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save **those who believe**...<sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

This is the great folly...life is offered to anybody who believes in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

# Wisdom In Life

## Because Jesus rose from the dead:

1. Jesus is alive, unbreakable and in control
2. My value is in him, and is absolutely secure
3. My destiny is assured, and begins now.
4. Fear, pain and death have no sway over me.
5. I am empowered by the Living God to love outward.

It's either everything, or it's nothing, or even worse.

# Baptism

Colossians 2:12

Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Sign:

Outward symbol of the inward transformation that we've been washed clean and re-created.

Seal:

God's faithful family-stamp based on God's faithfulness, not our own.

Matthew 3:16-17

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope outside of his mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

3. Do you now promise that you will trust Jesus as you try to learn and live as as a follower of Him?

4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

5. Do you promise to follow the church's leaders in how they lead the church?