

Theme: Jesus is the Wisdom of God Incarnate, fulfilling and exceeding the metaphors for wisdom in Proverbs.

## I. Intro – The Sixth Sense

- A. Explain plot of movie briefly
- B. Big twist at the end
- C. Gives clarity to earlier part of movie
- D. Christ brings all of Scripture into focus
- E. How is Christ the Wisdom of God?
- F. Where is Christ in Proverbs?

## II. Christ is the Wisdom of God

- A. Scripture says Christ is Wisdom of God
  - 1. 1 Cor 1:24, 30 – Wisdom of God
  - 2. Luke 2:46-47, 2:52 - the boy Jesus is wise!
  - 3. Mark 4:33-34 – Wisdom Teacher (Pro 1:2,6)
  - 4. Mark 6:2 – Where did He get this wisdom?
- B. Conclusion: Christ the Wisdom of God (Col 2:2-3)
  - 1. All God's wisdom hidden in Christ (Col 2:2-3)
  - 2. Treasure of Wisdom (Pro 2:1-5) in Christ!
  - 3. He is Wisdom incarnate; we find wisdom in Him

## III. Seeing Christ in Proverbs

- A. Warning: how not to see Christ! (Prov 8:22-31)
  - 1. Similarities
    - a. Terms like eternity, beginning (23)
    - b. Involved in creation (27, 30)
  - 2. Differences
    - a. Brought me forth, given birth (22, 24, 25)
    - b. Seems inactive in creation (27-30)
  - 3. Woman wisdom **poetic metaphor** – not pre-incarnate Christ
- B. Christ fulfills and exceeds metaphors in Proverbs
  - 1. Fear of God (1:7; 9:10; Is 11:1-3; 1:1-7; 8:14)
  - 2. Wise son (1:8; 3:1; Lk 2:46-47, 52)
  - 3. Jesus wiser than Solomon (1:1; 1Ki 4:29, 34; Lk 11:31)
  - 4. Jesus the treasure chest of wisdom (2:1-5; Col 2:2-3)
  - 5. Jesus the door to eternal life (Pro 3:1-2; Jn 5:24)

## IV. Conclusion & Summary

- A. Properly reading Proverbs through Christ
  - 1. Like the 6<sup>th</sup> Sense – full understanding at end
  - 2. Proverbs about God's riches for us in Christ

3. Michael Card – Jesus the Way of Wisdom Incarnate

B. Behold the riches of Christ

1. He is everything you need

2. He is not metaphor – He is the reality

3. 2 Cor 1:20; 1 Cor 1:30

4. He offers the riches of God to us – receive!

Christ the Wisdom of God (Seeing Christ in Proverbs)

1 Corinthians 1:30

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Glory of the Ages

Impromptu based on 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30

46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. Luke 2:46-47

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52

33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. 34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. Mark 4:33-34

2 for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; ... 6 for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. Proverbs 1:2, 6

2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Mark 6:2

2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3

"The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; 23 I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began. 24 When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no springs abounding with water; 25 before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, 26 before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world. 27 I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, 28 when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, 29 when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. 30 Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, 31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind. Proverbs 8:22-31

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:1-3 (Proverbs 1:1-7; 8:14)

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Proverbs 1:8

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, Proverbs 3:1

1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: Proverbs 1:1

29 God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.... 34 Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom. 1 Kings 4:29,34

31 The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here. Luke 11:31

1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Pro 2:1-5

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1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Proverbs 3:1-2

24 I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24