

Sermon Notes (March 29) Good Friday “God and His Servant’s Mercy and Wisdom”

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

14 As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

15 so shall he sprinkle many nations.  
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand. Isaiah 52:13-15

18 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. 19 For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 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? 21 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. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23  
but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to  
those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of  
God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger  
than men. 1 Corinthians 1:18:25

I. God’s Wisdom is Not Acceptable to Sinners

- Isaiah’s Song of the Suffering Servant begins with the Servant’s w\_\_\_\_\_

- What is this wisdom? That the Servant will l\_\_\_\_\_ up.

Which means c\_\_\_\_\_

*“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He [Jesus]  
said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. John 12:32-33*

- But as the Gospels record Pilate, Herod, the crowds, the Roman soldiers, the

Jewish leaders and even the two thieves saw no wisdom  
in a K\_\_\_\_\_ being c\_\_\_\_\_

- What of us? What is precious and wise to us?

II. God’s Wisdom is to Save Sinners with Jesus’ Death... to Save Us.

- Human “wisdom” and glory are not able to make holy before God.

- Pilate and Herod knew what a king should look like, not like J\_\_\_\_\_.

- The crowds were convinced to cheer for B\_\_\_\_\_ instead of Jesus.

- The Roman soldiers m\_\_\_\_\_ and t\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as a king.

- The chief priests and scribes mocked Jesus and taunted Him to come d\_\_\_\_\_  
from the cross and then they would believe.

- Even the two t\_\_\_\_\_ mocked Jesus.

- Could their ideas of wisdom and glory save them before a holy  
and righteous God? What could save them?

- What was the first word from Jesus on the cross?

***“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”***

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- We as disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ, learn, trust and honor His mercy, love  
and forgiveness gained by His suffering and death on the cross...

This is God’s mercy and w\_\_\_\_\_ to save us.