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The Folly of the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

What words would you use to describe the cross? Brutal and grotesque immediately come to mind. In these verses the cross is described as folly. That is a curious word choice. Folly defined means a lack of good sense. This is how human wisdom views the cross, as folly. However, through the folly of the cross God's wisdom and power is revealed. Through the folly of the cross we are saved.

Additional Verses:

Isaiah 8:11-14, 29:14

Luke 12:49-53

Colossians 2:20-23

Psalms 18:1-3, 31:3-4

John 14:27

James 3:13-18

Outline:

1. The folly of the cross divides humanity.

2. The folly of the cross destroys worldly wisdom.

3. The folly of the cross declares salvation.

Study Questions:

1. Why did Jesus say He came to bring division? How does the cross divide humanity? How have you seen this in your life?

2. Why is human wisdom described so negatively in James 3:13-18? What does human wisdom teach about God? Where does human wisdom ultimately lead?

3. How is our view of the cross different than early believers? How does this impact our understanding of the cross?

4. Why is the cross described as folly? How are people saved through the folly of the cross? How is the cross wiser and stronger than humanity?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?