**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

18For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
 the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

20Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar?

Where is the philosopher of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21For since in the wisdom of God the world

through its wisdom did not know him,

God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached

to save those who believe.

22Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

23but we preach Christ crucified:

a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

24but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom,

and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.