

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

1:18-25 A foolish message

Jesus sent Paul to preach the gospel of the cross (1:17). How does the message differ from worldly wisdom and expectations according to these verses?

Why should neither Paul nor the Corinthians be deflected from the message of the cross nonetheless?

1:26-31 A weak and foolish church

What were the Corinthians in danger of forgetting, seemingly?

Why did it matter?

Why does God work in this way?

2:1-5 A foolish preacher

How does this impact Paul's preaching?

Thinking it through

What pressures does our culture exert on us to make Christianity more acceptable? How does this tend to move the cross from centre stage?

What implications are there for us if God saves 'nobodies' and does not place high value on eloquent rhetoric?