

Matt 16:20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

➔ In the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him

1. Christ was crucified and died for the sins of all humanity, and rose again on the third day.
2. Peter could not understand God’s plan. He was unable to comprehend it.
3. God’s wisdom had not yet been revealed to Peter. He was in a state where he could think only in terms of human wisdom “You are not thinking about the things of God, **but the things of men.**”

➔ : For the message of the cross is the power of God

I Cor 1:18 For 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For 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. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

➔ The works of the Holy Spirit

1. Revealed the wisdom of God

I Cor 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things God has prepared for those who love him—<sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

2. Sin and righteousness and judgment will be revealed by the Holy Spirit

John 16:8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

3. After the day of Pentecost : Peter’s mission

Acts 2:21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and **you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.** <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

- Peter preached the message of the cross; the plan of God was revealed to him.
  - 1) The people of Israel crucified and killed Jesus
  - 2) God raised Jesus from the dead
  - 3) Repent of your sins and be saved
- 4. People got convicted of their sin by the Holy Spirit 【Acts 2 : 41】

Acts 2: 36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.**”<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

#### 5. The power of God revealed by the Holy Spirit

I Cor 2:1 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power,

- 1) The message of the cross : Those who believe in the cross of Jesus have their sins forgiven.
- 2) Through the Holy Spirit, people are made aware of their sins, and God’s mysteries are revealed.
- 3) Through the Holy Spirit, His works are manifested [healing, deliverance, and miracles].

#### Application

##### 1. God’s wisdom is revealed through the Holy Spirit

God’s plan: To atone for the sins of the world through Jesus’ crucifixion. Those who believe will be saved.

##### 2. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment

- Sin: Not believing in Jesus as the Savior. Living a self-centered life, separated from God.
- Righteousness: That Jesus is the Son of God, who came for the salvation of the world, was crucified, rose again, and ascended into heaven.
- Judgment: Through the cross, Jesus triumphed over the devil.

##### 3. Through the Holy Spirit, God’s power is manifested. Signs and wonders.

##### ➔ Learn from Peter and Paul

##### 1) Why couldn’t Peter understand the meaning of Jesus’ crucifixion?

How did Peter come to understand the crucifixion?

What about you? Do you understand the meaning of Jesus’ crucifixion?

What should someone do if they don’t fully understand the crucifixion?

##### 1) On the day of Pentecost, Peter boldly spoke about the cross.

What happened?

How did the people react?

##### 2) What did you learn from Paul’s mission?

##### ➔ Let us preach the message of the cross

- ✓ Let us not preach in a way that condemns people for their sins, but rather let us speak of the cross of Jesus.
- ✓ Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will work in people’s lives, revealing their sins and leading them to repentance.
- ✓ Let us pray that God’s work will be made manifest.