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### The Foolishness of Man

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- The world by its wisdom does not know God. **1 Corinthians 1:21**
- Some had abandoned the knowledge of God. **Romans 1:18ff**

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### Superiority Of God's Ways

- **Isaiah 55:8-9**
- **Romans 9:20-21**
- **Romans 11:33ff**
- **2 Corinthians 5:7; 11:3**

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God has never given a plan for saving or redeeming man from anything, of any kind, anywhere, that human wisdom would approve!

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### Numbers 21:6 Fiery serpents.

- Israel often departed. **1 Corinthians 10:1ff**
- Today God prescribes the way of healing. **John 3:14ff; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:21**

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### Joshua 6:1-5 City of Jericho taken.

- "I have given ..." *cf. 1 John 5:11*
- "Wall fell down flat ..." **Joshua 6:20**
- "By faith the walls ... fell." **Hebrews 11:30**

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**Judges 6-7 Gideon and the Midianites.**

- Israel outnumbered and oppressed. **6:5**
- Gideon's army shrinks. **7:2**
- Gideon's instructions.
  - "Look on me and do likewise." *verse 17ff*
  - "Every man stood in his place." *verse 21*

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**Judges 6-7 – Gideon and the Midianites.**

*Judges 7:2, "The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me."*

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**2 Kings 5 – Naaman the leper.**

- None healed like Naaman. **Luke 4:27**
- "Behold I thought..." *verse 11*
  - ☐ Man must forsake his thoughts. **Isaiah 55:8-9; cf. 6-7; Isaiah 1:18; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philipians 4:8**

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**John 9:6ff Blind man healed.**

- Never before had such been done. (cf. **9:32**)
- Who sinned to cause this man's blindness? **John 9:1-5**
- How was the blind man made to see? **John 9:6-12**

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**John 9:6ff Blind man healed.**

- A division begins to arise, "How can a man that is a sinner do such signs?" **John 9:13-34**
- The rulers question this young man trying to get him to reject Jesus. **John 9:24-34**

**"I went away and washed, and I received sight." John 9:11**

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**Conclusion:**

- *1 Corinthians 1:29, "That no flesh should glory before God ..."*
- *1 Corinthians 1:25, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."*

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**Application:**

- If you were going to select a birth place, where would you have him born?
- If you were going to announce his birth, how would you announce it?
- If you were going to select a mother for the Lord, who would you have selected?

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**Application:**

- If you were going to build a kingdom, how would you have built it?
- If you were going to select a memorial for the Lord, what would you have done?

That's the stumbling block of Mark 16:15-16

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