

*Jesus and the Art of Persuasive Infiltration*  
**How the Resurrection Displays the Perfect Wisdom and Innocence of Jesus**

Matthew 10:16; 5–7

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“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves,  
so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

– Matthew 10:16

**Important Words to Know**

1. **Wise:** To think ahead by gathering and analyzing all the facts in order to delay gratification, resulting in favorable consequences.
2. **Foolish:** To live for the moment by suppressing unfavorable facts in order to seek immediate gratification, resulting in unfavorable consequences.
3. **Innocent:** Choosing to love others by sacrificially treating them the way we want to be treated and obeying God's laws.
4. **Guilty:** Choosing to serve ourselves, without consideration of others, by disobeying God's laws.

**Five Questions Raised By the Illegal Execution Of Jesus**

Q1: If Jesus was wise, how did he get trapped by his enemies?

A1: Having infiltrated the world, he voluntarily \_\_\_\_\_ himself (Mk 10:45; Mt. 26:52).

Q2: If Jesus was innocent, why did he have to die?

A2: His innocent \_\_\_\_\_ qualified him to die in the place of guilty \_\_\_\_\_ (Ro. 5:8).

Q3: If Jesus stayed dead, what is the most probable response of his disciples?

A3: They would \_\_\_\_\_ him, concluding he was a foolish impostor and a guilty liar (Acts 5:33–39).

Q4: If Jesus was raised and seen by his disciples, what is the most probable response of the disciples?

A4: They would worship him as God, perfectly wise and innocent, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:40–42).

Q5: If Jesus is God, being perfectly wise and innocent, what is the wise response?

A5: \_\_\_\_\_ trusting in the law-keeping you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ trusting in the law-keeping that Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ for you (Ro. 3:28; 2 Cor. 5:21).