

**Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Bible Studies June 2016**  
**Study 2. Rev Dr. Sally Douglas**

**Woman Wisdom in New Testament and early church texts**  
A summary of some of the sources

**Matthew 11.18-19**

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

Compare:

**Luke 7.33-35**

'...Nevertheless, Wisdom is vindicated by all her children...'

**Luke 11.49-52**

Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world...'

Compare:

**Matthew 23.34-36**

Therefore I send you prophets, sages and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth...'

**Jesus-Woman Wisdom in hymn and prayer fragments**

**1 Corinthians 8.6**

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom all things exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

**Hebrews 1.3**

He is a reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, And he sustains all things by his powerful word...

**Colossians 1.15-20**

**John 1.1-18**

***Didache* 9-10**

**1 *Clement* 36**

**Justin Martyr**

Justin became a Christian as an adult, he wrote between the 130s-160sCE and was martyred for his faith between 162 and 167CE.

Speaking of who Jesus is, Justin states in the *Dialogue with Trypho*:

But this Offspring, who was truly begotten of the Father, was with the Father and the Father talked with Him before all creation, as the scripture through Solomon clearly showed us, saying that this Son, who is called Wisdom by Solomon, was begotten both as a beginning before all His works, and as His Offspring. (*Dialogue* 62).

See also *Dialogue with Trypho* chapters 61 and 126).