

Sermon

1 Corinthians 1.18-23

‘The wisdom of creation’

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'The wisdom of creation'

Job 39:1-12,26-30 (NIV)

**1 "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn?**

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**4 Their young thrive and grow strong in the wilds;
they leave and do not return.**

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Job 39:1-12,26-30 (NIV)

5 Who let the wild donkey go free?

Who untied its ropes?

6 I gave it the wasteland as its home,
the salt flats as its habitat.

7 It laughs at the commotion in the town;
it does not hear a driver's shout.

8 It ranges the hills for its pasture
and searches for any green thing.

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Job 39:1-12,26-30 (NIV)

9 Will the wild ox consent to serve you?

Will it stay by your manger at night?

10 Can you hold it to the furrow with a harness?

Will it till the valleys behind you?

11 Will you rely on it for its great strength?

Will you leave your heavy work to it?

**12 Can you trust it to haul in your grain
and bring it to your threshing floor?**



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Job 39:1-12,26-30 (NIV)

26 Does the hawk take flight by your wisdom
and spread its wings toward the south?

27 Does the eagle soar at your command
and build its nest on high?

28 It dwells on a cliff and stays there at night;
a rocky crag is its stronghold.

29 From there it looks for food;
its eyes detect it from afar.

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Genesis 1 (NIV)

11 Then God said,

“Let the land produce vegetation:
seed-bearing plants

and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it,
according to their various kinds.”

And it was so.

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13 And there was evening, and there was morning
—the third day.



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Genesis 1 (NIV)

20 And God said,

“Let the water teem with living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth
across the vault of the sky.”

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23 And there was evening, and there was morning
—the fifth day.

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Genesis 1 (NIV)

24 And God said,

“Let the land produce living creatures
according to their kinds:

the livestock,

the creatures that move along the ground,

and the wild animals,

each according to its kind.”

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Genesis 1 (NIV)

26 Then God said,

“Let us make mankind in our image, ...
so that they may rule over the fish in the sea
and the birds in the sky,
over the livestock and all the wild animals,
and over all the creatures
that move along the ground.”

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31 And there was evening, and there was morning
—the sixth day.



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Psalm 104:14-24,31 (NIV)

14 You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food from the earth
15 and wine to gladden the heart of man,
oil to make his face shine
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

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Psalm 104:14-24,31 (NIV)

**16 The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

**17 In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has her home in the fir trees.**

**18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.**

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Psalm 104:14-24,31 (NIV)

**19 He made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.**

**20 You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the beasts of the forest creep about.**

**21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**

**22 When the sun rises, they steal away
and lie down in their dens.**

**23 Man goes out to his work
and to his labor until the evening.**



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Psalm 104:14-24,31 (NIV)

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In **wisdom** have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

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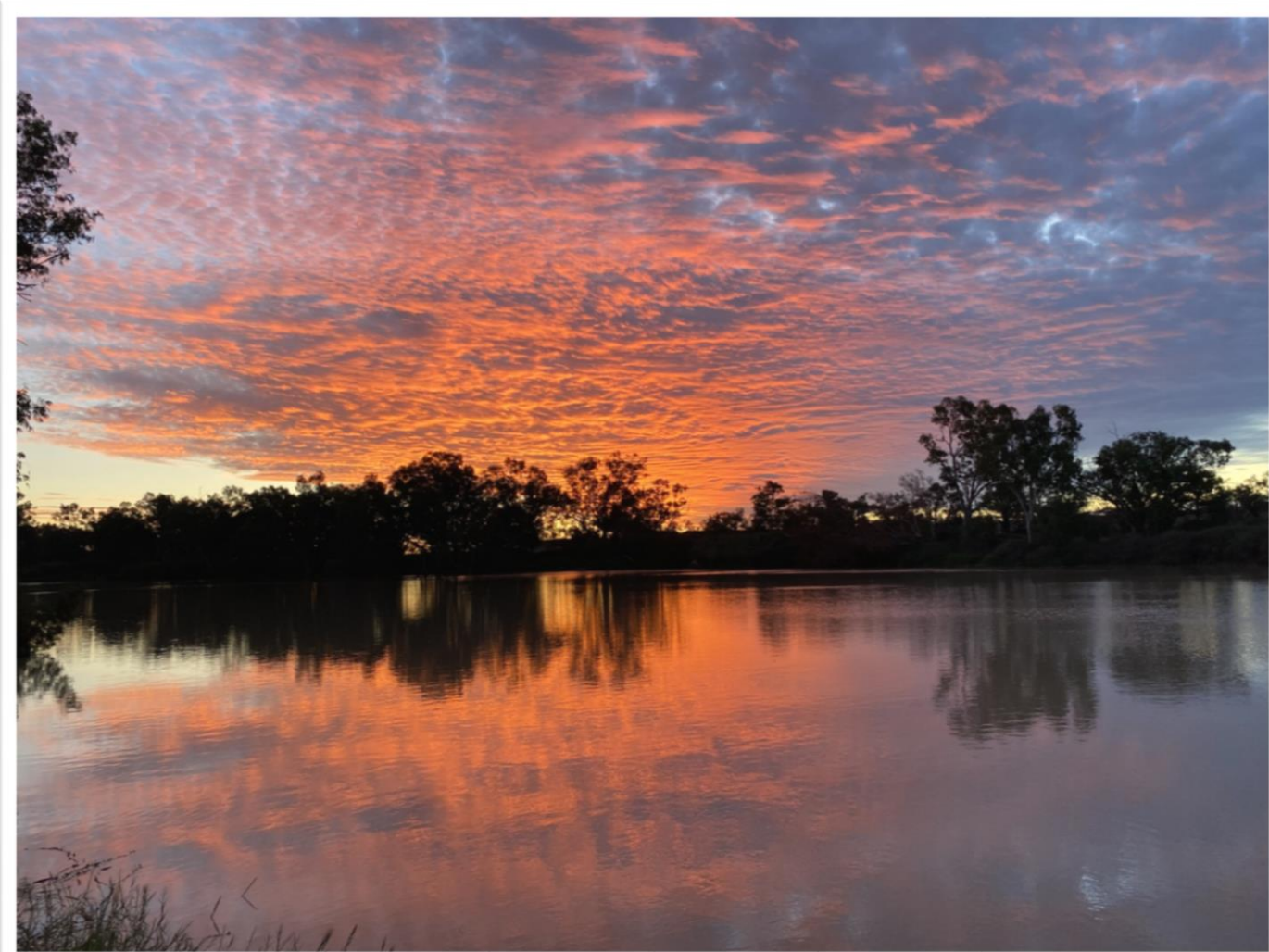
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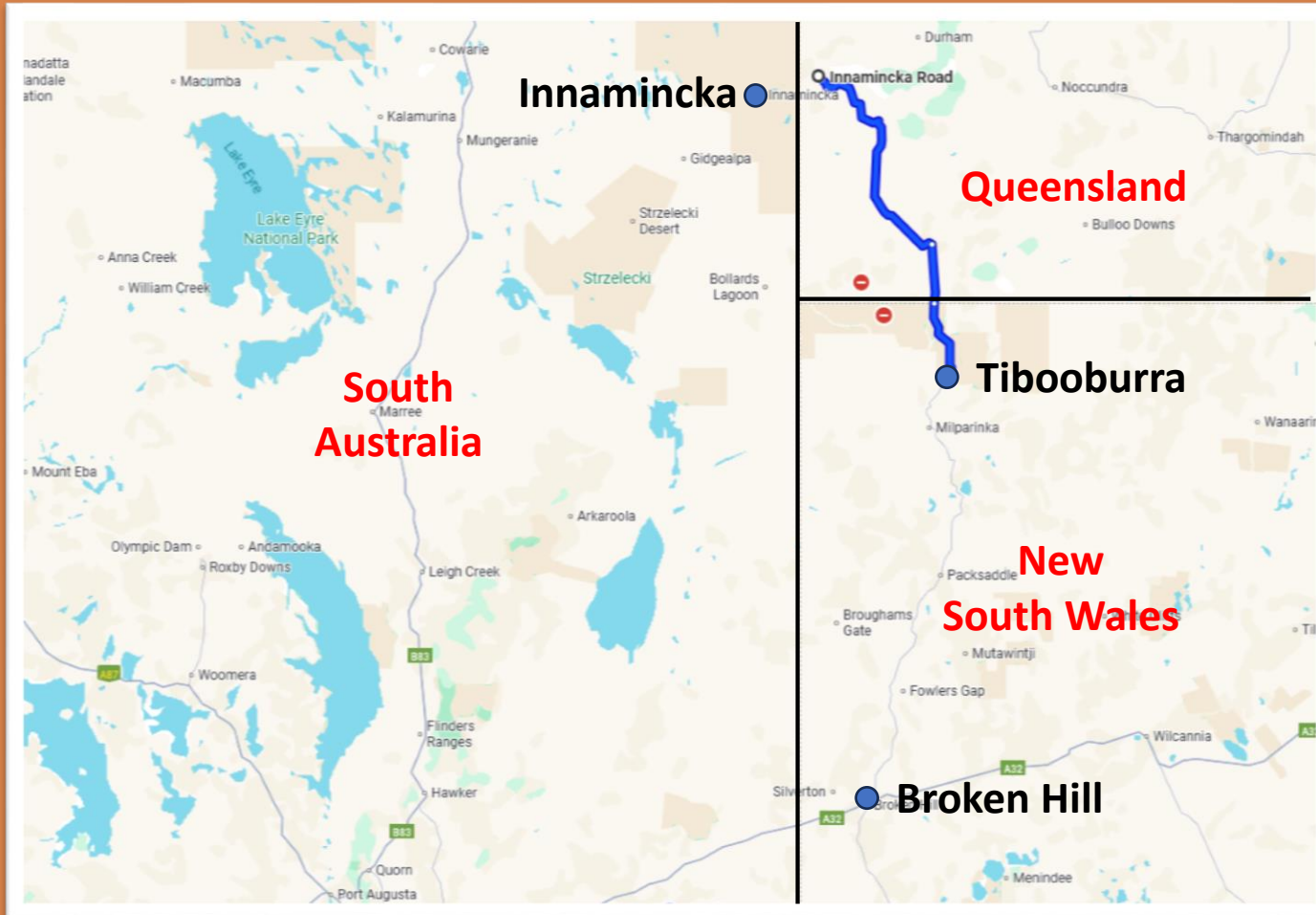
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1 Corinthians 1:18-23 (NIV)

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

19 For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

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1 Corinthians 1:18-23 (NIV)

20 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?

21 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.

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1 Corinthians 1:18-23 (NIV)

22 Jews demand signs
and Greeks look for **wisdom**,
23 but we preach Christ crucified:
a stumbling block to Jews
and foolishness to Gentiles.

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1 Corinthians 1:18-23 (NIV)

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God, to thee:
How great thou art!

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1 Corinthians 1:18-23 (NIV)

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God, to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**

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