

**Wisdom and Torah in Jewish Antiquity: What Can We Learn from the Dead Sea Scrolls?
Lecture by Dr Elisa Uusimäki from the University of Helsinki (a collaboration between
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The association between wisdom and torah in the Hebrew Bible and the Septuagint is well-known (esp. Deut 4:5–6; Ezra 7:14, 25; Jer 8:8; Pss 1, 19, 119; Sir 24; Bar 3:9–4:4), and scholars have long acknowledged its afterlife in the thought of early Christians who identified Jesus with Logos or Sophia (e.g. John 1, 15; 1 Cor 1:24, 30; Col 1:15-17, 2:2-3). The discovery of the Qumran scrolls revealed new materials that illuminate notions of wisdom and torah in early Judaism.

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