Where is Christ in Proverbs?

A Study Outline for the Proverbs

I. Proverbs 1-9 – Solomon’s Wisdom for the Young Man
II. Proverbs 10-29 – Solomon’s Independent Proverbs
   A. Chapters 10-24: The proverbs of Solomon
   B. Chapters 25-29: The proverbs of Solomon, collected by Hezekiah
III. Proverbs 30-31 – Non-Solomonic Proverbs
    A. Chapter 30: The words of Agur
    B. Chapter 31: The words of Lemuel, which his mother taught him

Core Seminars—Old Testament
Class 13: “The Wisdom of God’s King”
The Proverbs

Context

- Historical Context
  Solomon wrote most of the Proverbs
  Mid 10th century BC
  Instruction for a son

- Redemptive-Historical Context
  The wisdom the King needs to rule over God’s people

Theme

*Wisdom is fearing the LORD, being teachable, and having skill in godly living.*

*The source, the means, and the goal of wisdom is the LORD.*
What are the Proverbs?

- Most are general principles and observations.
  
  Example: Proverbs 26:27

- Some do contain eternal truths that always strictly apply.
  
  Example: Proverbs 16:33

How are the Proverbs interpreted?

- Parallelisms.

  "The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin" – Proverbs 10:8

- Figures of Speech

- Summarize

- Apply

Four Themes of Wisdom.

- Contrasts to wise living:

- Context for wise living:

- Communication in wise living:

- The outcome of wisdom: