

WELCOME to “Advent with Dallas Willard”
a 3-week Course sponsored by
Dallas Willard Ministries & Jesus College



“Advent with Dallas Willard”

The Course Vision

Offer insight and inspiration of Faith, Hope, Love, Joy & Peace in you and through you this Christmas season

The Course Intention

- * Celebrate the Humble King Jesus
- * Proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom of God incarnate on Earth
- * Equip practical Kingdom living
- * Encourage & Challenge

The Course Means

- * 3 interactive sessions with optional, extended Q&C
- * 43 page Study Guide, more teachings, growth practices
- * Global community from A-Z - Australia to Zambia - seeking Christlikeness together

Format - 30 minutes

- Welcome, Focus & Review
 - Session Highlights
 - Your Q&C's
 - Summary & Blessing
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- After: Optional more Q&C



Recorded sessions in the
[Jesus College Library](#)

Your manger shepherd Doug Webster

- * Following Jesus since age 14
- * Vanguard University & Fuller Seminary
- * Met the Jesus Dallas Knew 16 years ago.
- * Started Jesus College in 2015
- * Our 17th webinar engaging 1800 participants from 48 Countries & 43 U.S. states.
- * Offer Jesus College's "Master's in the Master" spiritual training
- * A Blessed Family



“Advent with Dallas Willard”

SESSION 1 — THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST

SPEAKING — “[INCARNATION AND CELEBRATION](#)” SERMON [0:00-18:24]

[SERMON TEXT IN THE STUDY GUIDE P. 20-23]

READING — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS # 1-4

SESSION 2 — THE HUMBLE KING REDEEMING THE HUMAN SYSTEM

**SPEAKING — “[INCARNATION AND CELEBRATION](#)” SERMON
[18:25-37:30] [SERMON TEXT IN THE STUDY GUIDE P. 24-27]**

READING — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS # 5-8

SESSION 3 — THE ADORATION OF JESUS CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

SPEAKING — “[INCARNATION AND CELEBRATION](#)” SERMON [37:31-55:25]

[SERMON TEXT IN THE STUDY GUIDE P. 28-31]

READING — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS # 9-12

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NIV)

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16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. Luke 2:16-20 (NIV)

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The Incarnation — The Cosmic Event

Christ coming into the world of matter

“It’s about inspiration. It’s about adoration. It’s about seeing the greatness of Jesus. And you know, I love the little baby, but the little baby is just the beginning of the incarnation.”

Dallas Willard, “Incarnation & Celebration” sermon

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an unspeakable and glorious joy*, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9

* “Being Filled With Joy” Devotional #3. Study Guide, p. 10



Christ coming into the world of matter (continued)

This causes people a lot of trouble...

How could someone be God and man at the same time?

“Well, now how exactly did the Holy Spirit? What did the Holy Spirit do to Mary? Did he create ex nihilo a little DNA there and get the combination going? And how did that exactly work?”

It's tempting to get lost in that.

It's upset Christians through the ages.

GNOSTICISM, AGNOSTICISM, MONORCHIANISM,
SOBELIANISM, ETC.IANISM, ETC.IANISM...



The theory is less important than the fact. And we have to be careful and concentrate on the fact.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and has placed in us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:19

God does not regard sin as the last word.

The last word is love and grace and forgiveness and a way of dealing with all of that – the atonement hidden in the depths of the Trinity.



The fact is there. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself and he has given to us, placed in us, this word of reconciliation saying that's the fact.

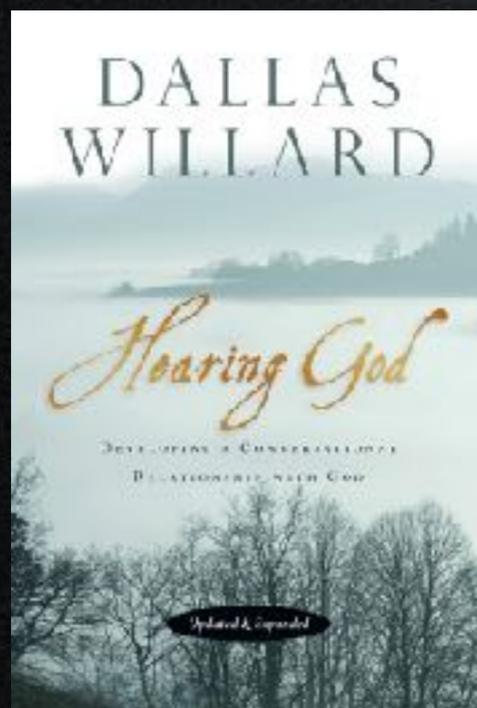
The mystery which had been hidden from the past ages and generations, but now has been revealed to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles is, the mystery that is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Ephesians 1:26-27

The mystery is not just Christ coming, but Christ in you, the hope of glory.

And not just the Jewish nation, but through the Jewish nation in Jesus to the whole world. (Genesis 22:18)

"At a certain point in history this word - this visible language, the upholding order of the universe - came to us through the womb of Mary.

The redemptive entry of God on the human scene was no intrusion into foreign territory; it was a move into 'his own' - a focusing of that divine thought, which is the order of all creation, into the finite form of one human personality."



Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*, p. 166-167

The Wonder of the Incarnation

“Whosoever will may come.”

You come to Christ, you accept Him then He lives in you.

The knowledge of who Jesus is causes us to turn and place ourselves in His hand.

This is the invitation of the gospel...
proclaiming the Kingdom of God and the Humble King.





Our Response to the Wonder of the Incarnation

“I don’t want to miss out on this! I want to be a part of this!”

“Being saved is participating in what Jesus is now doing on earth. All the endless controversies about His nature [the “etc.ianisms”] give way to simple obedience, faith, and discipleship to Jesus.” *“Incarnation & Celebration” sermon*



“Does the life of Jesus on Earth bring you hope? Why or why not?”

Devotional #4 - Study Guide p. 11

Low Matter View = Problem with the Incarnation

We do not have a high enough view of matter.
Matter is a good thing. God made so much of it.

The trouble with the resurrection results from misunderstanding matter that is quite capable of receiving God and all that is good about God.



Most energy is locked up in matter.
You wonder if we'd be better off not knowing.

Christ in you, the hope of glory, using power gloriously:
the Resurrection & Transfiguration & Prayer.

"Prayer: The Mightiest Force on Earth" by Frank Laubach

“Let there be light!” Genesis 1:3

“In Him all things hold together” Colossians 1:16-17

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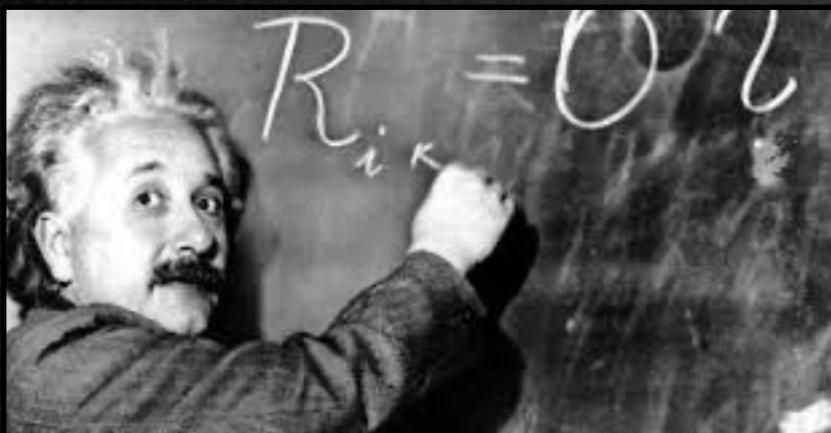
Humans — $mc^2 = E$

God — $E = mc^2$

“God’s actions transform His energy into matter.”

Dallas Willard

The Allure of Gentleness, 77-79

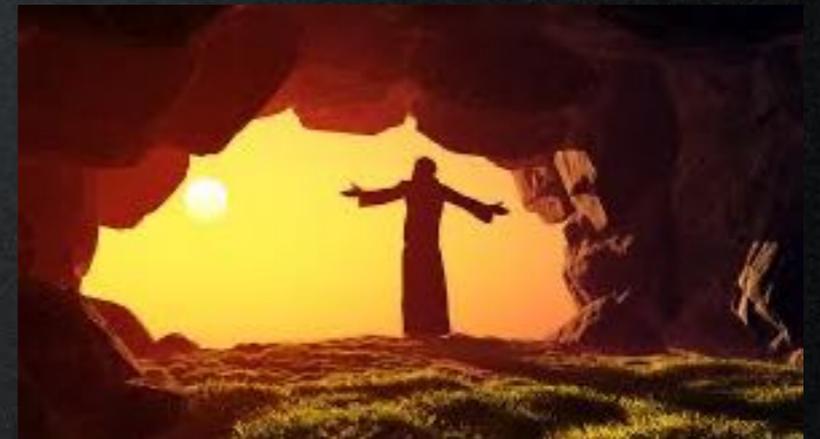


“Let there be light!” Genesis 1:3

“I am the Light of the world.” John 8:12

“You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:14

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1:27



A Higher View of Matter (continued)

You're getting close to the core of reality when you get into light. Light is the key to all physical reality.

We must think highly of matter to understand incarnation of Jesus into the matter.



Jesus as Creator of Matter — John 1:3

Personally creating matter.

Jesus as Redeemer of Matter — II Corinthians 5:19

Personally inhabiting matter He created and where He is now, not just out there but in here.



A Few Words from Dallas

Christmas - the Doorway of Jesus into Matter

“Incarnation & Celebration” sermon

[run time 16:16 - 18:24]



Christmas - the Doorway of Jesus into Matter

Reconciling the world - not just people but the whole infected world that has gone wrong.

“All of creation is groaning eagerly awaiting the Sons & Daughters of God” (Romans 8:19-22) — “Brothers & Sisters of the One who came first in the flesh” [incarnate in matter] (Hebrews 10:19-20) — “to set free creation itself [matter] from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory* of the children of God (8:21) — Christ in you, the hope of glory*.” (Colossians 1:27)



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CONCLUSION

Jesus comes now in redemption and steps into the world in terms of flesh — physical matter.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory* as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NIV)

* Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A



You are a steward of 10,080 minutes every week. If you invest 80 minutes weekly in personal study and our *Advent with Dallas* session, you have 10,000 minutes to incarnate it, to flesh it out. Each session offers scripture and questions to celebrate and emulate the Humble King this Christmas.

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *John 1:14 & Acts 10:38*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — How high is my view of matter - the measurable things of this world?

INTENTION — How deep is my hunger for what Jesus is now doing on Earth? (See Devotional #1, Study Guide p. 8)

MEANS - Take a walk in creation to celebrate with Jesus what He created in matter. Pray, “Is there something you are leading me to do this season?” (Devotional #2 p. 9)



† Cross Fit

Session 1 Summary

The Creator of matter entered matter to redeem it and to bring His glory to you and through you for the entire world of people and creation.



Next Week — Session 2 of 3

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RECOMMENDED — “BATTLE BETWEEN FLESH & SPIRIT”
DALLAS AT CALVIN COLLEGE [07:35-12:25]

Invite others

Register — info@JesusCollege.com

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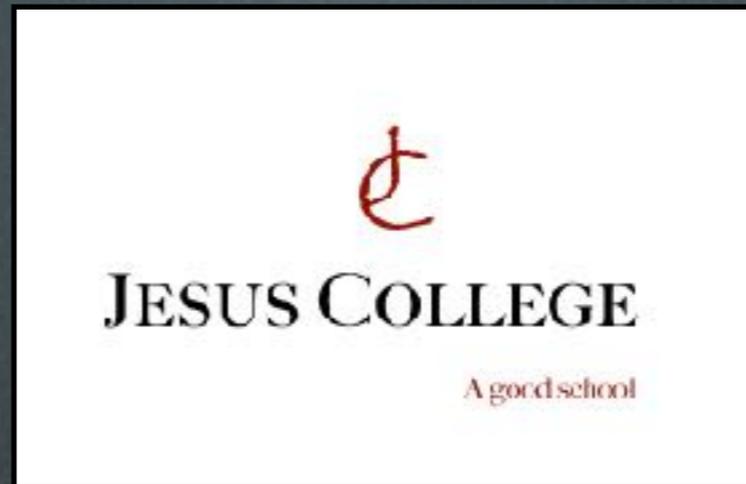
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“A Student of the Superior Benefactor”

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“Training to be proficient in willing the good”

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The Vision of Jesus College - To equip Trainers (Ministry, Business Leaders, Parents) to mentor Leaders (Senior Apprentices) to disciple Apprentices to Master love.

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“Master’s in the Master”

A 3 year spiritual training as a student of history’s greatest teacher for apprentices who take their spiritual formation seriously.

A self-paced, spiritual transformation track through (15) courses to grow in Christlikeness guided by the works of Dallas Willard. This is a non-accredited but fully accountable and affirming journey with Jesus and fellow apprentices from around the world.



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