

JESUS, DALLAS & NT

The Gospel



WELCOME to a 3 week Course sponsored by
Dallas Willard Ministries & Jesus College



The Course Vision

Offering grace & truth to know life
in the gospel of simply Jesus to
unleash Heaven on Earth.

The Course Intention

- * Present Jesus, simply Jesus.
- * Teach the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.
- * Suggest practical application for training into *Christlikeness*.
- * Provide weekly encouragement and accountability.

The Course Means

- * 3 interactive sessions with optional, extended Q&C.
- * Study Guide, more teachings and spiritual growth practices.
- * A Cadre of the Christlike from A-Z – Australia to Zimbabwe



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Format - 30 minutes

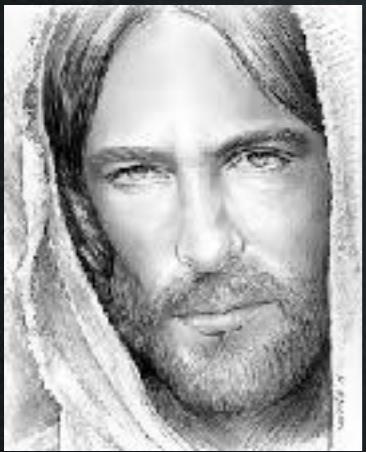
- Welcome, Focus & Review
 - Session Highlights
 - Your Q&C's
- Summary & Blessing
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- After: Linger Longer Q&C

Your Fellow Apprentice

Doug Webster

- * Following Jesus since age 14
- * Vanguard University & Fuller Seminary
- * Met the Jesus Dallas Knew 16 years ago & NT 10 years ago
- * Started Jesus College in 2015
- * Our 14th webinar with over 1550 participants from 45 U.S. States & 45 Countries
- * Launched Jesus College's "Master's in the Master" spiritual training
- * A Blessed Family





JESUS, DALLAS & NT — THE GOSPEL

Session 1 — “Simply Jesus”

- I - “Simply Jesus as the One”
- II - “Simply Jesus on the Cross”
- III - “Simply Jesus as Truth”
- IV - “Simply Follow Jesus”

Session 2 — “The Gospel of the Kingdom of God”

Session 3 — “Heaven on Earth”



“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

Colossians 1:15-17

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Session 1 — “Simply Jesus”

A few words from our professors about
the Master Teacher Jesus...

Dallas — “The Genius of Jesus” [00:58-2:06]

NT — “What is Jesus really all about?” [3:23-3:53]

Simply Jesus as the One – † (Θ & Ω) + Ø = ∞

“Arguably, without much question, Jesus is the single most influential person in human history. His vision of reality, well being and life simply has nothing close to it.”

Dallas, “The Genius of Jesus”, Ohio State University

“Go away, rub your eyes, open them, try to get this bigger picture of Jesus. Try and hold your mind open wide enough to see what this story is really all about.”

NT, *Simply Jesus*, An Interview with HarperOne



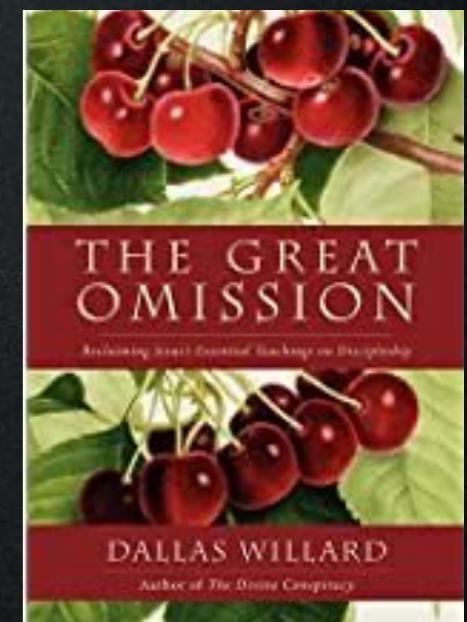
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Session 1 — “Simply Jesus”

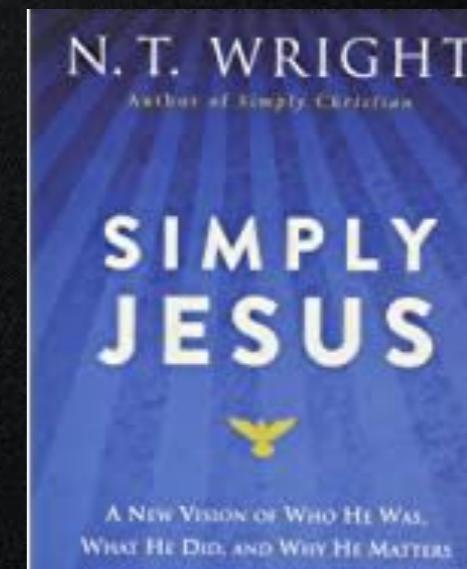
Jesus, Simply Himself...

“Jesus Himself is simply the brightest spot in the human scene. There is no real competition.”

Dallas, *The Great Omission*, p. XI



“Jesus Himself strides out into the middle of it all, into the very eye of the storm, announcing that the time is fulfilled, that God’s kingdom is now at hand. He commands His hearers to give up their other dreams and to trust His instead. This, at its simplest, is what Jesus was all about.” NT, *Simply Jesus*, p. 55



NT — *A Story from Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiga*

Archbishop of Paris, 1980-2005

A story of three boys playing a trick on the priest with wild, imaginary sins. 3rd boy, a Jewish boy, was told to go up to the crucifix and say three times, “You did all that for me and I didn’t give a damn.” He said it once. Then he said it again. He found he could not say it the third time. He broke down and left the church changed.



Simply Jesus on the Cross – δ & Ω + † = ❤

Dallas - “He so graced the ugly instrument on which He died that the cross has become the most widely exhibited and recognized symbol on earth.”

NT - “Jesus lived and died in a cross shaped and cross haunted world.”



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“Who stands as a model of loving in our world? Jesus is the one who stands as the model of love. His sacrifice on the Cross is *simply* the apex of a life of devotion and care for others. That’s an illustration of who is loving.”

Dallas, “Spiritual Formation & Discipleship”, Bethel

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“Many people *simply* sense, whether they can articulate it or not, that the cross is the effective sign that the God who made the world is the God of powerful, rescuing love, a love that has come down to share the very depths of human tragedy and, by taking its weight on himself, to rescue us from it and enable us by his Spirit to share in his new creation as a result. This is a love that goes to work; a love that will not let us go.”

NT, *The Day the Revolution Began* interview



Simply Jesus as Truth

Jesus before Pilate, “What is truth?”

“My Kingdom is not of this world.” John 18:36

Dallas – “The world is not its source.”

“Jesus comes into this world and simply says,
‘Truth’.”

NT - “Jesus kingdom is not from this world, but it is
for this world. Pilate, the first postmodernist says,

“What is truth?”

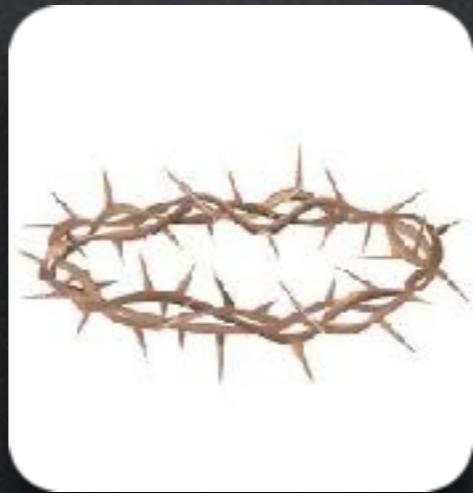
*“Wouldn’t it be wonderful if Jesus’ people in this next
generation could face those who carve up the world between
them with the truth of the Kingdom of God on Earth as it is
in Heaven?”* NT, “Jesus & Tomorrow’s World” [8:00]

Simply Following Jesus

“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27

“To follow Him meant in the first place to be with Him. I am with Him to learn how to be like Him.”

Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 276



Following Jesus – Kingdom & Cross

“Recognizing by being with Jesus we become part of the Kingdom project. It’s not enough to say that. That can collapse into a social gospel we knew from a hundred years ago. You have to have the other element as well. The Kingdom goes very closely with the Cross. Jesus said if you want to follow me, you must take up your cross as well.

Following Jesus is being a Kingdom person and also being a Cross person.”

“Who was Jesus?” Interview with NT Wright



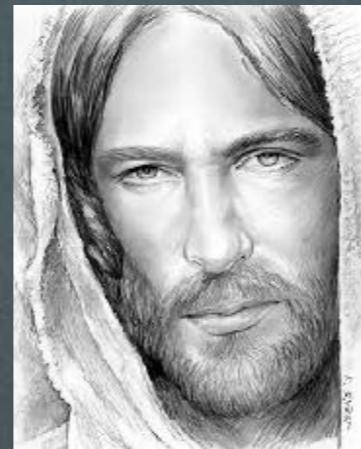
“Follow me.”

“A Disciple, or Apprentice is simply someone who has decided to be with another person, in order to become capable of doing what that person does or to become what that person is.”

Dallas, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 282



DALLAS & NT following JESUS



“I am simply a follower of Christ walking through the world with other people learning the Kingdom as I go. Please don’t put me in a special category, just one who is learning to follow Christ. Let’s do that together.”

Dallas, Human Side of Holiness,
Session 1



“What I thought might help someone who really wanted to find the way to Jesus, to Jesus as he really was, and so to find the way through Jesus both to God himself and to a life in which ‘following Jesus’ would make sense.”

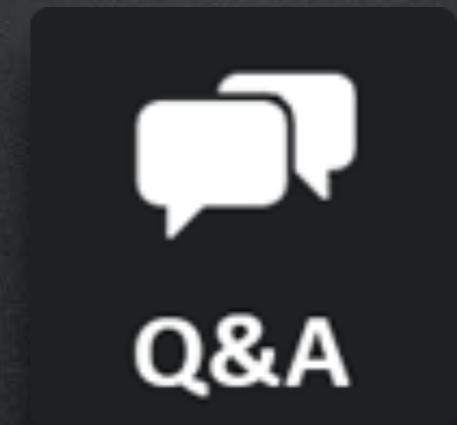
NT, Simply Jesus, XI



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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





Wherever your time zone, Southern California or South Africa, The Netherlands or Nigeria, each one of us is a steward of 10,080 minutes every week. If you spend 80 minutes weekly in personal study plus our course discussion, you have 10,000 minutes to flesh it out in your ordinary life. Each session offers life application to help you make every effort to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Meditation – Colossians 1:15-17

Application

- 1.) Who do I say Jesus is? Who does Jesus say He is?
- 2.) What is the truth about Jesus? How will I open my eyes to the bigger story?
- 3.) What 2 habits of Jesus will I practice this week to follow Him more closely?





Session 1 Summary

Jesus is simply the one and only King who showed love on the cross to bring truth to life revealing following Jesus is the most valuable and sensible way to live.

Next Week — Session 2 of 3

“The Gospel of the Kingdom of God”

For Recorded Sessions + Slides, go to:

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May the truth of the
love of Jesus draw
you to simply follow
Him in your next
10,000 minutes
through the Cross
into the Kingdom out
into a world He was
not of but lovingly for.

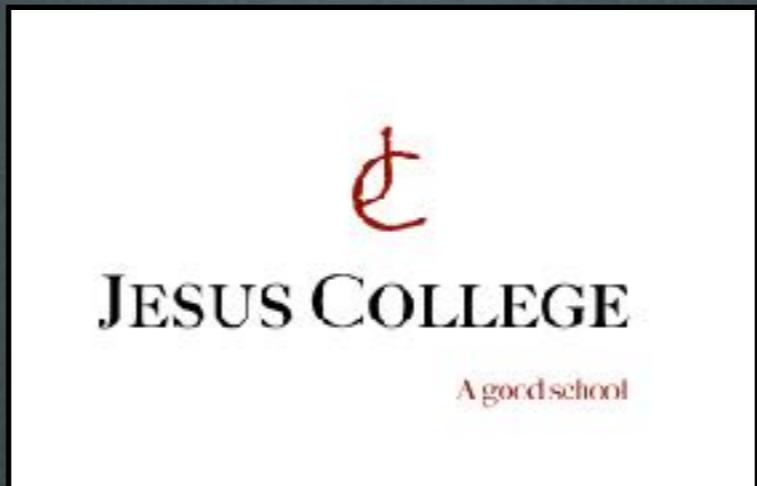
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“*A Student of the Superior Benefactor*”

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“*Training to be proficient in willing the good*”

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