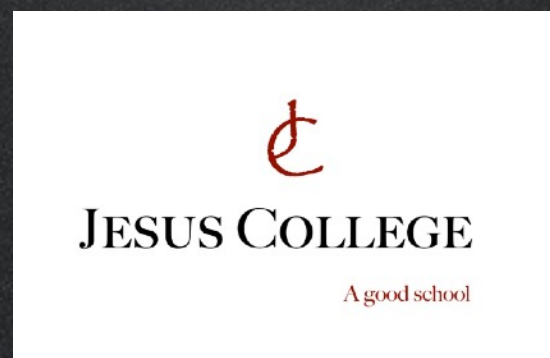


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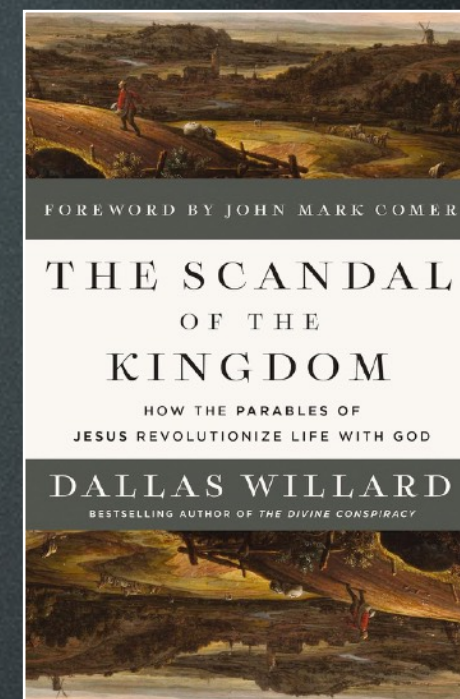
To present how the parables of Jesus can revolutionize your life with God in His Kingdom at hand.

The Course Intention

- * Proclaim the truth of Jesus in the parables in the Gospels.
- * Teach the Kingdom of God among us as Jesus taught and revealed.
- * Present spiritual disciplines for training into *Christlikeness*.
- * Provide weekly encouragement and accountability.

The Course Means

- * 15 interactive sessions with optional, extended Q&C.
- * Study Guide with resources and spiritual growth practices.
- * A global guild of apprentices of Jesus!



Format - 30 minutes

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

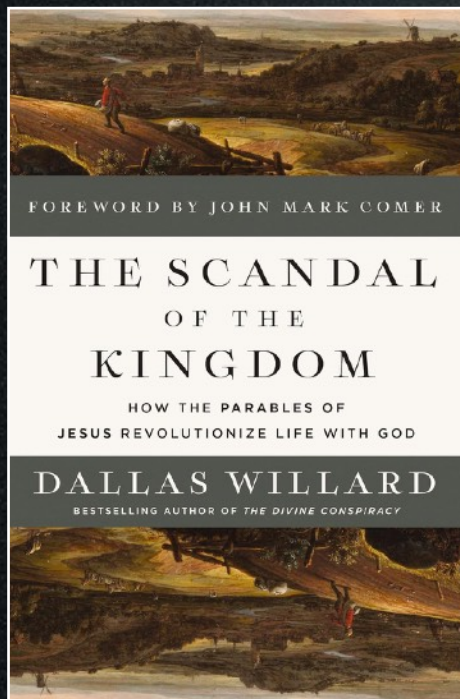
Recorded sessions, slides,
& study guide in the
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Your parable storyteller

Doug Webster

- * Following Jesus for 50 years & working with Him since age 18
- * Vanguard University & Fuller Seminary
- * The Spirit of Jesus through the teaching of Dallas' awakened Jesus College in me a dozen years ago.
- * Jesus College's 35th course engaging over 3200 students from 59 Countries.
- * Jesus College's "Master's in the Master" spiritual training graduated 17 students in December!
- * A blessed family of 17 + Sadie





THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM

Session 1 - "The Faith of Christ"

Chapter 1 (p. 5-18)

I - The Faith of Christ

II - An Open Invitation to Everyone

III - The Allure of Gentleness

The Kingdom of God is like...

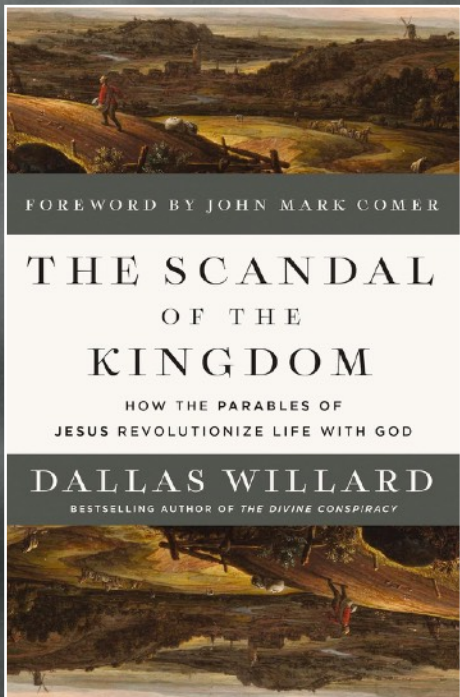


Let us venture further up, further in...

When I was a young minister studying my Bible, I came to the realization that something very different went on in the life in ministry of Jesus when compared with the life and ministry of the churches I knew. The difference was simple: we were spending thousands of dollars and exhausting ourselves trying to get people to come to church, whereas Jesus was hiding from people. We begged, cajoled, and pleaded with people, whereas Jesus said, "Don't follow me. Don't talk about me. Don't let anyone know I did this."

As I explored the reasons for these differences, I gradually found that in many of our Christian circles, we substituted the message of Christ with a message about Christ. And when we talked about saving faith, we replaced the faith of Christ with a faith in Christ.

(5-6)



Session 1 - “The Faith of Christ”

I - The Faith of Christ

In the middle of the storm, do I have the faith of Christ or do I shout at God,

“Lord, save me! Do something, Master!”

The faith of Christ fends off all fear. Our faith in Christ means we still do not understand how to enter into the kind of life Jesus has to the degree of the faith of Christ.

(paraphrased and personalized, 6-7)

“Knowing that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:16, 19-20 (NRSVUE)



Imparting New Life — *The true gospel*

To get the results of Jesus, we must teach what Christ taught in the manner in which he taught it.

Jesus Christ preached the Kingdom of God,
which is the unitary and unifying gospel of the New Testament. At the center of the Kingdom of God is the meritorious, vicarious suffering, life, and death of Jesus Christ, including the cross, the resurrection, and Christ appearances afterward to the church.

The aim of the gospel is to create new persons.

The mode is the impartation of life.

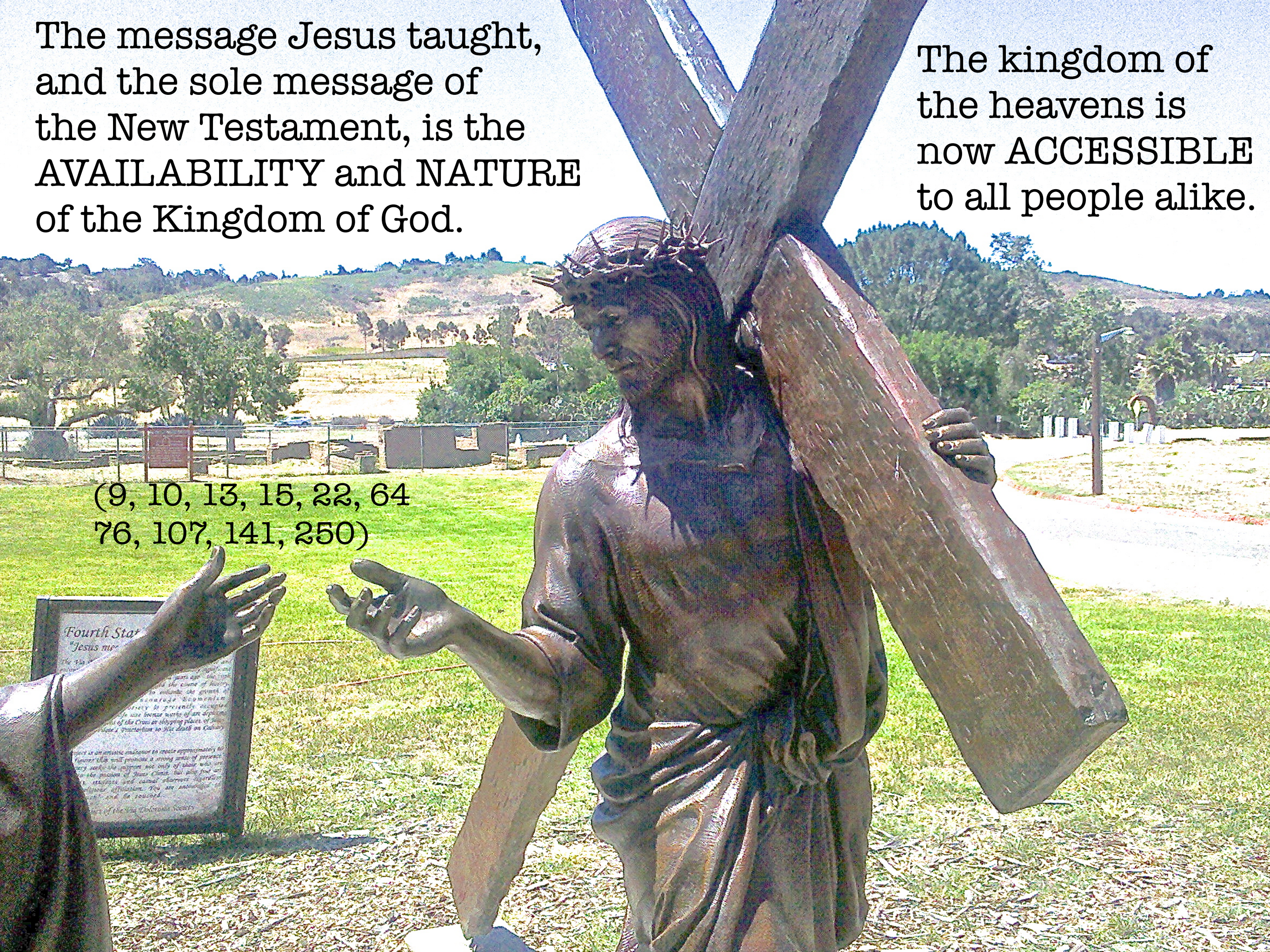
The instrument is the “Word of the Kingdom” *
that imparts new life. (8)

* - this phrase reveals its prominence in chapter 4

The message Jesus taught,
and the sole message of
the New Testament, is the
AVAILABILITY and **NATURE**
of the Kingdom of God.

The kingdom of
the heavens is
now **ACCESSIBLE**
to all people alike.

(9, 10, 13, 15, 22, 64
76, 107, 141, 250)



Emmanuel - God with us

“Repent, for the Kingdom of heavens (plural)
is at hand.” Matthew 4:17, 3:2

The Kingdom of God has come in Jesus Christ.
Jesus put a face on the Kingdom. (10)

...a seismic shift...a tremendous transition

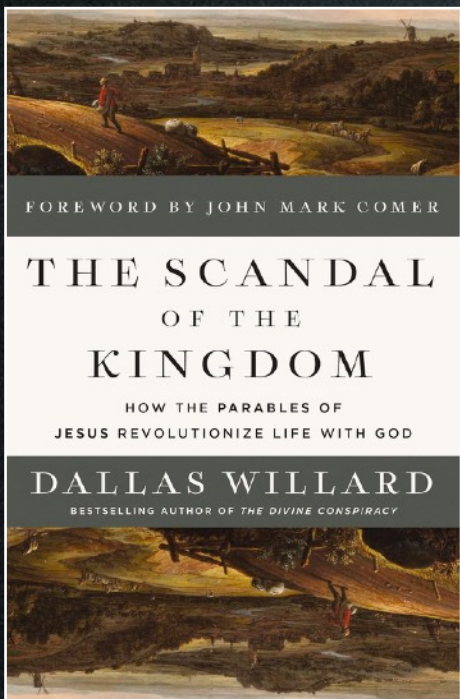
“The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the
deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good
news preached to them.” Matthew 11:4-5

When we walk in the power of the Kingdom of God—as it was present in Christ Jesus himself—we have a greater resource, a greater contact with power, than what was available to even John the Baptist, because we are increasingly integrated into the eternal kind of life God intended us to have. (12)

The least in the Kingdom
of the heavens
is greater than
John the Baptist. Matt. 11:11



I am greater than
John the Baptist.



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II. An Open Invitation to Everyone

A leper, a Roman centurion, a chronic bleeder
even a prodigal son (chapter 9)

No Three P's Required: Jesus meant that with his arrival, ordinary, men and women could simply walk right into the Kingdom of God with no requirements of propriety or the correct procedures or protocols. Only the sincere will of the heart to follow Christ is required to usher us into the Kingdom of God by the grace of God. (12)



The Power of Life

The Kingdom is...

A society of people with a structure in which there is one person, a king or queen, to whom all of the citizens offer loyalty, service, and respect. The sovereign part of this relationship is to provide care, protection, and service for the good of the people.... like a family or well-functioning neighborhood, where people really do love one another and care for each other.

The Kingdom of God is the range of God's effective will—simply God acting in the world—where what he wants done is done. Not times or places, but of the heart
- a life with God.



(p. 13-14)



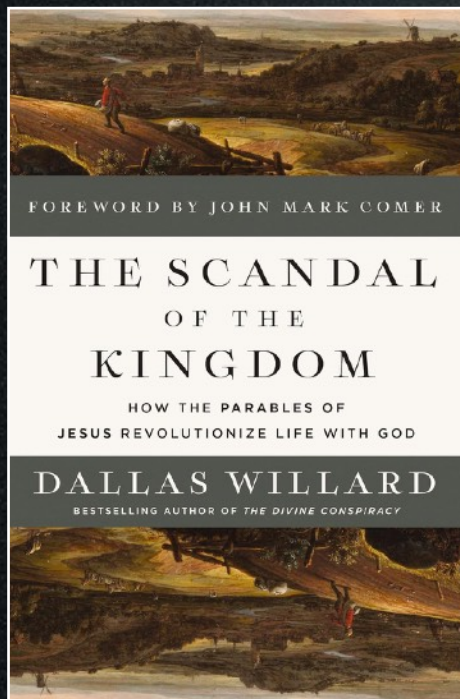
*Eternal life is already
in progress.*

The Kingdom of God at hand - God acting in this world - right here, right now. This is real life.

From the Old Testament to John the Baptist and Jesus announcing, “the Kingdom of God is at hand.”

People are struggling to run their own kingdom to which Jesus says, “Everyone can come. You do not have to live that way anymore. You can come and live in the Kingdom of God now.” (16)

See *The Divine Conspiracy*, chapter 1 to study the availability of the Kingdom.



Session 1 - "The Faith of Christ"

III. The Allure of Gentleness

The Gentle Teacher - Mt. 11:28-30, 12:18-21

The Parables of Jesus...

...his way of moving us toward the Kingdom of God.

...reveal what the Kingdom of God is like and how things work in that kingdom. (16)

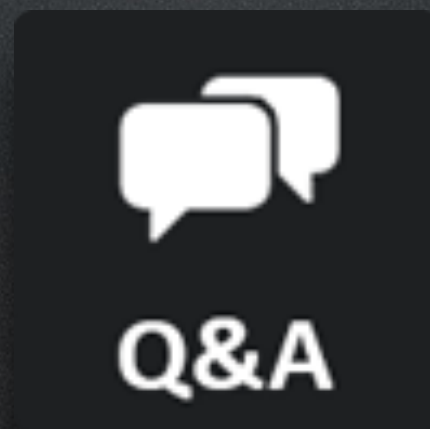


See *The Allure of Gentleness*, Apologetics in the manner of Jesus — by Dallas Willard

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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





Whether you are in Southern California or South Africa, Malaysia or Mauritius, 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 — *Matthew 3:2, 4:17, 6:33*

Application

VISION - What does eternal life in God's Kingdom look like today?

INTENTION - The F.I.T.O. Principle

Do I want to move my faith from IN to OF Christ?

MEANS - Take a prayer walk with Jesus to envision God's Kingdom at hand.



Teaching by Dallas Willard (audio)
Harbor Church, Harbor City, California, 1983*

["The Parabolic Teaching About Christ's Kingdom by Christ Himself "](#) (link)
[Summary of each topic and the related scriptures.](#) (PDF)

- 1: The Gospel of the Kingdom of God and How It Comes: Why Parables?
Teaching methods of Jesus and why he used parables
Important things about the faith and message of Jesus [40:35]
- 2: The Diverse Receptions of the Word of the Kingdom [49:56]
The Parable of the Sower
- 3: The Secret Manner of the Kingdom's Working: The Leaven and the Seed
The Parables of the Seed and of the Mustard Seed [45:15]
- 4: The Great Supper. Kingdom Birthright for a Mess of Pottage. [41:35]
The Parable of the Great Supper; Jacob Steals Esau's Birthright
- 5: Growing Together Until the Harvest - Wheat & Tares; Dragnet [42:07]

NOTE: There is no recording of "Growth & Responsibility"

The Parables of the Minas Luke 19:12-27 & Unjust Steward Lk 16:1-12
Go to ["The Divine Conspiracy" lecture 12](#) (video) [59:30-1:02:15]

- 6: The Vineyard and the Wicked Husbandmen [42:14]
The Parable of the Vineyard
- 7: Two Sons (Matt. 21:28-32), Two Debtors (Luke 7:36-50) [41:42]
Two more sons - The Prodigal Son & Elder Brother (Luke 15:11-32)
- 8: The Ten Virgins and the Evil Watchman. Revelation of the Heart [42:41]
- 9: The Forgiving Heart & the Kingdom of God - Unforgiving Servant [46:35]

NOTE: There is no recording of "The Outrageous Compassion of God"

- 10: The Folly of Possessions and Riches - The Rich Fool [45:30]
- 11: Persistence: Unprofitable Servant, Persistent Widow [47:00]
The Pharisee & Tax Collector
- 12: The Good "Half-Breed" and Full-Blooded Stinkers. [41:12]
Neighborliness of the Kingdom - The Good Samaritan

* — Dallas taught a 13-week series at Harbor Church in Harbor City, California, March 6 - May 29, 1983. These recordings offer new insights into these well-known stories, and into the way Jesus taught and lived. They provided the foundation for his book on the parables.



80:00 + 10K

Two Dallas teachings to complement Session 1

#1 — Two Dallas Teachings (audio + video)

1.) "The Parabolic Teaching About Christ's Kingdom by Christ Himself" (audio)

1: "Gospel of the Kingdom of God & How It Comes"
[0:00-31:00]

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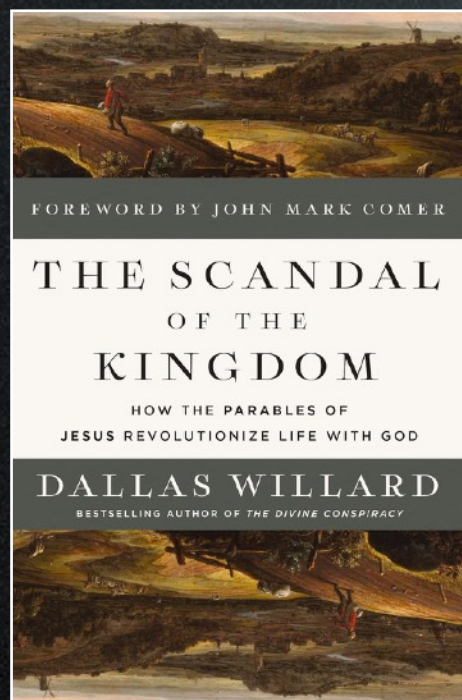
2.) "The Divine Conspiracy" #3

"Gospel of the Kingdom" [1:00:33-1:08:47]

Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube

12-part video series





Next Week — Session 2

“How Jesus Taught”

Read Ch. 2 (19-35)

and

Matthew 13:11-15

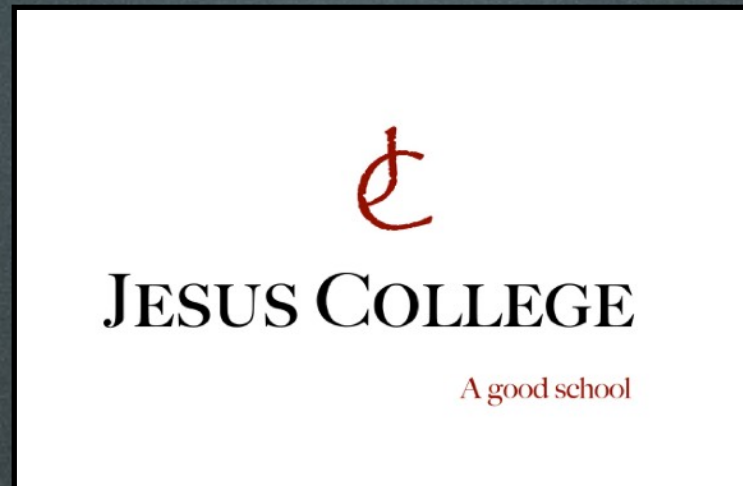
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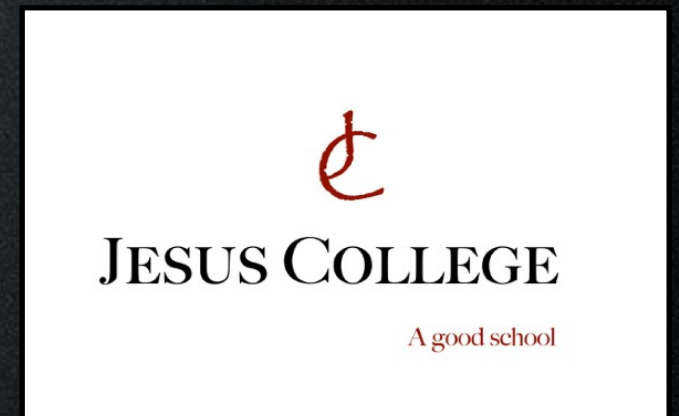
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