

WELCOME to the final session of a 3-session course "Advent with Dallas Willard" to celebrate the incarnation of Jesus.

### "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

#### Session 1 Review

Messiah Emmanuel

"The Humble King"

The gift of Christmas is the Creator of matter entering matter to redeem it and to bring His glory to us and through us to our world of people and creation.



#### Session 2 Review

When we understand the glory of the incarnation in His people, we discover the potential of our will over desire to want what Jesus wants leaving no limits to the good, beautiful and true He fleshes out in us and through us.

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Deliverance - Salvation - in the Incarnate Jesus

Christ Incarnate Defeated Sin in the Flesh

The Adoration of the Incarnation

Adoration of Christ's Greatness during Christmas

# SESSION 3 — THE ADORATION OF JESUS CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

#### Deliverance — Salvation — in the Incarnate Jesus

"So Jesus comes into our life, our world, and he steps into the realm of flesh where we live, and he begins to overturn the rule of human desire, and bring to light the power of God, deliverance. Salvation is deliverance."

Dallas Willard

"Incarnation & Celebration" sermon [37:30]

"Now those who belong to Christ crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." Galatians 5:24

#### Christ Incarnate Defeated Sin in the Flesh

"Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, +so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." Romans 8:1-4



#### Sin in the Flesh Defeated!

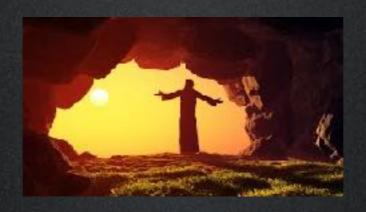
"Jesus condemned the flesh by never doing anything wrong...from the Incarnation through the Cross to the Resurrection!"

"The greatest way of stepping into the reality of the Kingdom of God is to begin to do what you know to be right and trust God to take care of the outcome."

Dallas Willard

"Incarnation & Celebration" sermon [41:18]

"He [Jesus] condemned sin in the flesh..." Romans 8:3



#### The Adoration of the Incarnation

He goes to the cross, which is the ultimate place of the surrender of the flesh to the will of God. and comes through in the resurrection as the risen Lord. Now, learning to adore him in all of that, you see, is what we want to turn our minds to when we think about incarnation.

#### The Adoration of the Incarnation

The Lord's Supper - The Cosmic Christ in a Loaf of Bread "This is my body."

"What was he talking about? Bread. When you begin to understand the greatness of incarnation, you may no longer need special explanations of what was going on there. Maybe he just meant bread. You can and you will never look at bread the same again. If you don't understand that, you're going to have to think of some special way that the bread becomes something it ain't — Transubstantiation...Consubstantion."



Dallas Willard "Incarnation & Celebration" sermon [43:42]

"Our ordinary life is the manifestation of incarnation. This is...

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col. 1:27)

But it's not a little bright spot down here burning somewhere that they'll check you out on when you go to the gate. It's your whole life. That is the place of incarnation. See, that's the mighty Logos, now become personal. And available to you and me wherever we are."

Dallas Willard

"Incarnation & Celebration" sermon [45:20]

#### Our ORDINARY LIFE is the manifestation of incarnation.

- ...the things that distress us.
- ...never getting what you want.

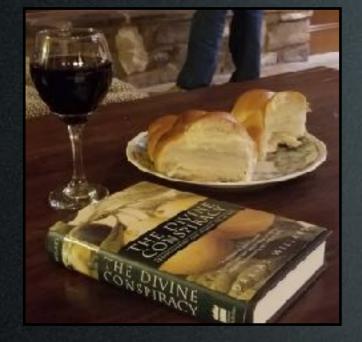
Give up. Avoid the rush. Quit now. Just accept it.

...the things you don't like - death, growing old.

Now, as we come to the Christ of Christmas, let's see Christ in His greatness!

"Christ in you, the hope of glory."





#### The HABITATION of the ETERNAL

"The obvious well kept secret of the 'ordinary' is that it is made to be a receptacle of the divine, a place where the life of God flows."

Dallas Willard
The Divine Conspiracy, p. 14



#### A Few More Words from Dallas

"Celebrating the Christ of Christmas in the Good and the Hard"

"Incarnation & Celebration" sermon

[run time 48:30 - 50:34]



#### Adoration of Christ's Greatness during Christmas

"We gently begin to see the greatness of God in his incarnation, and how it covers the whole universe as well as us, and how God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself and has placed in us the word of reconciliation. Now, then we can look at the Christmas lights...the star...to just claim all the beautiful things of Christmas."

Dallas Willard

"Incarnation & Celebration" sermon [49:21]

#### Is this an Advent invitation for you or a loved one?

"Once our focus is on Christ, and all of the good and all of the beautiful things, as well as all of the hard things that come to us, are just places to praise God."

Dallas Willard "Incarnation & Celebration" sermon

#### Practicing Adoration of Christ this Christmas

"God, You are my God; I shall be watching for You; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You..." Psalm 63:1

In this season of Christmas, celebrate the Lord and his goodness and greatness in everything that comes by and in all that you do.

Pick a time and give the last of the Psalms (145-150) an ecstatic reading: Read them in a loud voice, standing, allow yourself to dance a bit as you read, pausing over the phrasing.

"Jesus has come and my cup's overrun!
Oh, say but I'm glad!"

"Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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





## Meditation "Praise the greatness of the Lord!" Psalms 145-150

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

VISION — Where do I see and celebrate the goodness of God? (Devotionals 11-12, Study Guide p. 18-19)

INTENTION — How much do I "make every effort" to add to my faith? I Peter 1:5-8 (Devotional #9, p. 16)

MEANS — What disciplines do I practice to steward my mind and body for Christ? (Devotional #10, p. 17)



#### **Session 3 Summary**

As we come to Christmas, let us see the greatness of Christ in Christmas, the good in the ordinary, beauty in the baby, the mighty Logos now personal, our faith in the realm of the flesh where He lived and where we now live delivered with Him.



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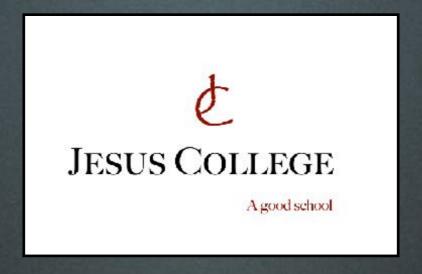


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May you know the powerful, peaceful presence of Jesus the Christ in your ordinary life this Advent and for your next 10,000 years.



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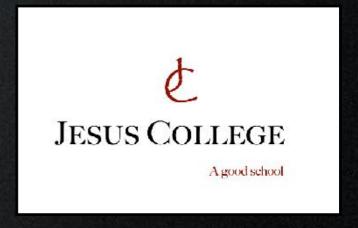
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