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Has I watch the class lecture from Professor Steven Notley, he introduces himself and talk about how he became a theologian on parables. He mentions that the Jewish had 456 parables and Jesus had 40. What I found to be very interesting is that the parables of Jesus had no scriptures in it. I found it to be so interesting because I never realize that the parables had no scriptures, I would probably think that they would have scriptures or Jesus would have quoted scriptures through His parables. Professor Notley ask a question to the class and those online, he ask "what is a parable"? My answer to this question is that a parable is a story with natural things like seed, prodigal son, etc. to illustrate spiritual truth. Professor Notley also mention that to understand the theology of Jesus we must understand Jesus parables. When I look at the story of the prodigal son, I do see the 7 or 8 meanings in the parables of Jesus, that Dr. Notley mention, which is love, forgiveness, mercy, hope, restoration, relationship, giving, and the value of one. Dr. Notley says that when Jesus taught, He taught in Hebrew and not Greek or Aramaic in His parables. I taught that Jesus parables came in Aramaic, Greek and Hebrew but I learn something new today which is common sense because the Jewish community at that time spoke Hebrew and still do. There are no examples or proof that Jesus spoke parables in any other language then the Hebrew language. Dr. Notley then went through the syllabus and ask what grade you want, and my response is, I want a B.