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In this class, the professor mainly talks about the Dead Sea Sect and the Qumran community. We first begin by knowing the rules of the community. Generally, the community rule is basically like morals and code they stand by. They originate from the Sadducees. We also learn about 4QMMT Miqtsat Ma'aseh Hatoras which literally means "the works of law". At the end of 4QMMT they discuss briefly about remembering David and his salvation of God. The text is literally saying that the interpretation of the commandments are not appropriate and here is the way you should interpret them.

The professor now demonstrates the community rule in the latest version to be written. They contain multiple manuscripts but here is the problem. They are only small manuscripts that are chunks of the full document. It's like having missing pieces to the puzzles. These manuscripts are compared to each other to test relations. Some people would agree to collecting the fragments of each of the pieces and essentially combining them and making a completely new scroll. Scholars believe that this method is not original. The community rule itself does not come from one place.

The professor concludes by stating how the Qumran is one of the settlements closest to the Dead Sea. Along with the Qumran, there are Ein Gedi, Mas-ada and Peshkha. All of these are small towns and cities that scrolls were found in.