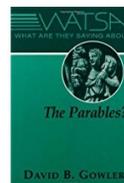


TO SPEAK IN PARABLES: PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL IN THE PARABLES OF JESUS

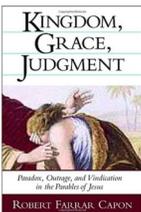
The parables of Jesus are among the best known memories of his teaching. The parables of Jesus are also among the most controversial aspects of our understanding of his message. My premise is that Jesus' parables are intended to be provocative and experiential reflections on the dominion of God. They do not have a meaning but are profoundly meaningful. After a brief survey of the interpretation of parables, the main focus will be on the study of specific parables of Jesus including: "This Is for the Birds!" (Mustard Seed), "Over My Dead Body" (Good Samaritan), "If You Can't Beat 'em, Join 'em" (Unjust Judge), "The Line Forms at the Rear" (Laborers in the Vineyard), "Just Don't Call Me Late for Supper" (Great Supper), and "Wanted: Dead and Alive" (lost and found parables of Luke 15).

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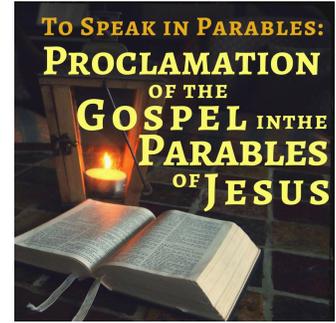
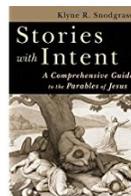
The textbook required for this course is ***What are they Saying about the Parables?*** by David B. Gowler (Paulist Press, 2000). ISBN-0809139626



An additional resource recommended for this course is ***Kingdom, Grace, Judgment: Paradox, Outrage, and Vindication in the Parables of Jesus***, (Combined ed.) edition. by Robert Farrar Capon. (Grand Rapids, Mich: Eerdmans, 2002) ISBN: 0802839495



If you would like a encyclopedia reference: ***Stories with Intent: A Comprehensive Guide to the Parable of Jesus*** by Klyne Synodgrass. (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008)



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Rev. Dr. Mark G. Vitalis Hoffman

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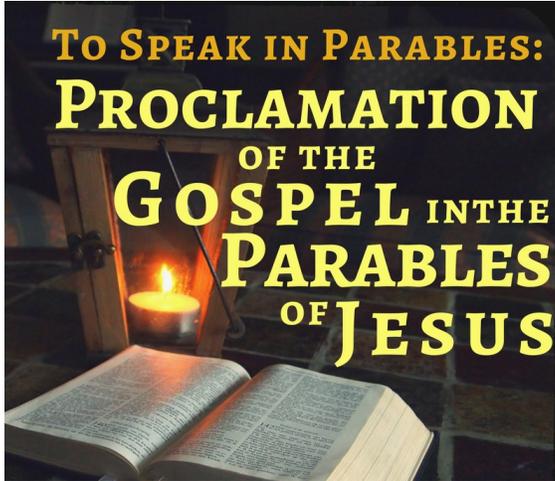
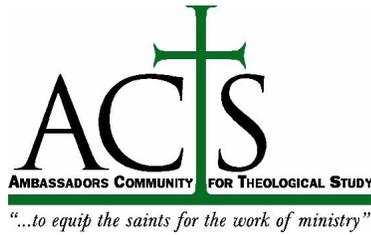
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