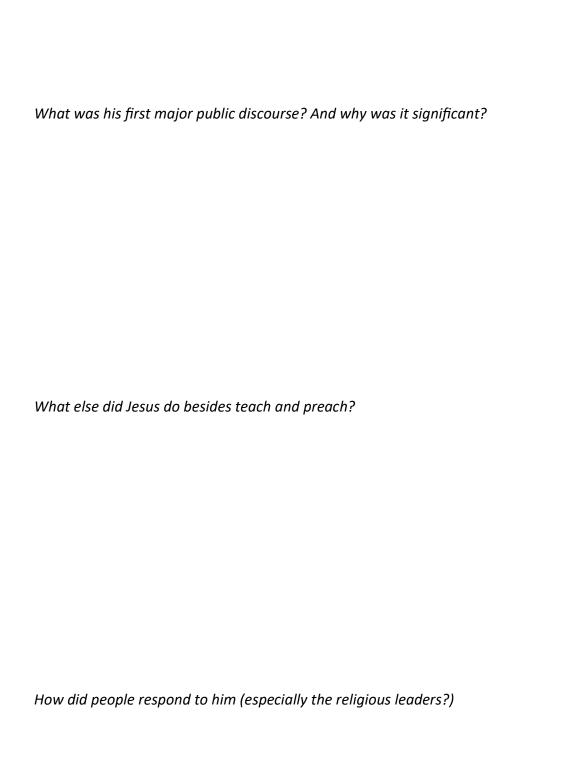


"More Than A Story: The Purpose Of The Parables" Matthew 13:1-3, 10-17, 31-33, 47-50 September 8, 2024

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Larry Norman's classic song The O	utlaw is a good introduction to our new series.
Parables for Jesus were a strategic f	form of communication. They were far more than stories. They were
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So why study the parables this fall?	
Because the parables have the power to	from spiritual slumber
	the values of God's kingdom I'm to live by,
	to put God's kingdom first above anything else, and

to fol	llow Jesus as my King for the rest of my life.
3. If we want to know why Jesus used parables, we first must examine the crowd around Jesu "crowd"?	us, and figure out who is in it (vs.2). Who is in the
4. Why such a mixed group? How does Matthew describe the early days of Jesus's public mir What were the first public words out of Jesus's mouth?	nistry in chapters 4-12?





6. When the disciples ask Jesus why he speaks to the crowd in parables, what is his answer? (vss.10-17). What does he mean by it?
7. If I were in the crowd that day, which of them would I be? I can tell by how I'd respond to the 5 parables Jesus closes the chapter with.
a. What's the theme of the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven? (vss.31-33)

