

A WIDOW'S OFFERING

Mark 12:35-44

Key Verse: 12:44

* JESUS IS THE SON OF DAVID (35-40)

1. Read verse 35. What did the teachers of the law mean by saying that the Christ is the son of David? (Isa 11:1) Were they waiting for the Messiah? (See Jn 1:11)
2. See Lk 2:26-32. What does Simeon's testimony tell us about who Jesus is? How was he different from the teachers of the law?
3. Read verses 36-37. In Psalm 110:1 (which Jesus quotes), who does David call "Lord"? What promise does the Lord God give the Messiah? What did David believe about the Messiah (Christ)?
4. Read verses 38-41. What was the inner life of the teachers of the law like? How did Jesus warn them?
5. Why couldn't the teachers of the law accept a spiritual Messiah? Why didn't they believe what they taught to others? How did Jesus try to help them?

* SHE PUT IN EVERYTHING SHE HAD (41-44)

6. Read verse 41. Where did Jesus sit and what did he and his disciples watch? What were the rich people doing? Why might the disciples have been swayed and perhaps, tempted?
7. Read verse 42. Who did Jesus take note of? How did her offering contrast with that of the rich people? What did the disciples probably think about her?
8. Read verses 43-44. What did Jesus teach his disciples about giving? Why did he say that the widow put in more than the rich people? What does this show about Jesus' value system?
9. What kind of offering does God want? What can be your heart-offering to God?