

“Missing the Point About... The Offering”

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

- We are continuing our series called, “Adventures in Missing the Point.”
- Today’s sermon is entitled, “Missing the Point About... The Offering.”
- Our text today is the story of the Widow’s Offering or the Widow’s Mite.
- Like the disciples, the church today often wants to draw attention to the big gifts; Jesus draws attention to the big givers.
- In his sermon, “On the Use of Money,” John Wesley taught, “Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.”
- Give intentionally, regularly, proportionally, and cheerfully. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2 & 2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Like the Widow, even if we cannot all give big gifts, we can all be big givers.