*34* STUDY OF MARK 2020

The Poor Widow’s Offering

Mark 12:34-43

“They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything

– all she had to live on.” (44)

1. How did a Pharisee respond to Jesus answer in the previous passage? (28-33) When Jesus saw the Pharisee answered wisely, what did He say? (34) What did Jesus imply by saying ‘*You are not far from the kingdom of God’*?
2. What was Jesus next question about? (35) Who did the teachers of the law say the Christ (Messiah) was? But who did David say he was? (36-37) What does it imply that David called the Christ “Lord[[1]](#footnote-1)”? Who did Apostle Peter confess to be the Christ? (8:29[[2]](#footnote-2), Acts 2:36[[3]](#footnote-3))
3. Despite knowing the scriptures, what was the only way for the Pharisees to enter the Kingdom of God? (Mark 12:10) Instead, what did they like more? (38-39) Consequently, how were their inner lives and outer lives different? (40a) What did Jesus say would happen to them? (40b)
4. As Jesus watched the crowd giving offerings, what did He notice? (41-42) Why was Jesus so impressed with the widow’s “*two very small copper coins*?” (43-44) What does the widow’s offering reveal about her heart towards God? How was it different from the Pharisees?
1. Hebrew meaning of Lord – Adonai. This name is a rendering of the distinctive personal name of the God of Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Mark 8:29** "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Acts 2:36** "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." [↑](#footnote-ref-3)