

Two C's

Mark 12:38-44

Into the Lesson:

Look at the closing verses of some of the paragraphs we have studied in Mark 12 and develop a general focus or direction this narrative is headed (wouldn't hurt to read the whole verse for some context):

¹⁷ "And they were utterly amazed at Him."

²⁷ "...You are greatly mistaken."

³⁴ "...And then, no one dared any longer to question Him."

³⁷ "...And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him."

Into the Word:

From Lane's sermon, commentaries or Bible margin notes, what do we know about the Scribes?

Condemnation:

Regarding Lane's first "C" (which is the grade I give him for *catchy sermon titles*) what are the indications of the Scribes:

Pride-

Greed-

Hypocrisy-

How do you think they would have responded after Jesus "dropped the hammer" in vv. 38-40?

How do the following confirm Jesus' **condemnation**:

Mark 8:35-

Matthew 20:16-

Matthew 20:26-

Commendation:

From Lane's sermon, what is the significance of the amount of the widow's offering and what do we know of the collection process in Herods temple?

Although Lane suggested going to the "trumpet" system maybe some sort of electronic system could record and announce amounts.

What is the possibility that the very process the Scribes instituted is the very reason the widow was forced to bring such seemingly small offering?

How do vv.43-44 point to another "...one of those upside-down teachings" of Jesus?

Respond to Lane's point, "What He is clearly saying is that the rich gave what they would never miss - while this poor widow gave what she couldn't afford."

How does Acts 5:1-4 provide an early picture of the infestation of the Scribes mindset?

Into Life:

What are some of the indications that the 21st Century church may be guilty of the same offenses the Scribes were?

Pride-

Greed-

Hypocrisy-

How could I Corinthians 13:1-8 (it isn't just for weddings) provide a template to make sure we don't slip into a Scribe mindset?

While reading II Peter 1:4-9 highlight two or three (over achievers can do more) of the disciplines listed to make matters of prayer and incorporation into your life and the life of the church.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

This Week's Songs:

His Glory And My Good

Let It Rise

The Goodness Of God

How Deep The Father's Love For Us (Hymn 223)

Mighty To Save

