

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? **36** David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.”^[a]

37 David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”
The large crowd listened to him with delight.

Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

38 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, **39** and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. **40** They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

The Widow’s Offering

41 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. **42** But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Footnotes

a. [Mark 12:36](#) Psalm 110:1

Questions:

1. Is Jesus teaching them about himself when he talks about the Messiah?

How do you know?

2. Describe what Jesus thought about the Teachers of the Law.

3. What did Jesus observe about those giving money at the temple?

4. What was important about what the poor widow gave?

5. How much does Jesus want of your life?

Is it possible to give only part of your life to Jesus? Explain.

Although we could never repay - what did Jesus give for us?