

*Greek Readings*  
**Fall Quarter – Week 9 Series B**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Mark 12:38–44, Proper 27**

**Verse 38**

- Parse διδαχῆ. \_\_\_\_\_ How does this word set the tone of this pericope?  
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Why is this word important for the life of the Church? \_\_\_\_\_
- Parse βλέπετε. \_\_\_\_\_ Why does Mark use this mood and tense?  
(BDAG 178–179) \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain the construction βλέπετε  
ἀπό. \_\_\_\_\_
- Parse ἀσπασμούς. \_\_\_\_\_ With what verb does this word construe? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Verse 39**

- Parse πρωτοκαθεδρίας. \_\_\_\_\_ What does this unique word mean?  
(BDAG 892) \_\_\_\_\_  
In what specific contexts does the word occur in the NT? (Mt 23:6; Mk 12:39; Lk 11:43; 20:46) \_\_\_\_\_
- Why would the scribes cherish these honors more than any other? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What should have been their desire? \_\_\_\_\_  
With what office might the 'scribes' be identified today? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 40**

- Parse κατεσθίοντες and κατεσθίοντες. \_\_\_\_\_  
What is their position and force? (Voelz 2 edn., 134–135; 3 edn., 118–121) \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the significance of the καί in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_  
How is abusing the widows described in the OT? (Ex 22:22; Deut 14:29; 24:17; 27:19) \_\_\_\_\_
- What brings to fruition these two sins? \_\_\_\_\_
- Parse λήμψονται. \_\_\_\_\_ Why does Mark use the middle voice?  
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- What is the theological significance of κρίμα? (BDAG 567, 4.b) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Verse 41**

- Parse γαζοφυλακίου. \_\_\_\_\_ Where else does this occur? What is the most likely translation? (BDAG 186) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Parse ἐθεώρει. \_\_\_\_\_ How does BDAG understand the duration of this action? (BDAG 454.1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Why might Mark use this tense? (Voelz 2 edn., 69–70 ; 3 edn., 58–60) \_\_\_\_\_
- Parse ἔβαλλον. \_\_\_\_\_ Again what is the aspect of this verb's tense? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Verse 42

- Look up λεπτά and κοδράντης in BDAG (592, 550). What type of monetary unit is being described? \_\_\_\_\_  
How could you explain this type of monetary unit effectively to a parishioner? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Verse 43

- What is the significance of ἀμὴν? (BDAG 53–54) \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of word is αὕτη? \_\_\_\_\_ How is it used in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_
- Parse βαλλόντων? \_\_\_\_\_ What does it modify? \_\_\_\_\_
- How could this 'poor' widow have possibly contributed 'more' than the 'many' who used to throw in 'much'? (cf. Lk 12:21) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Verse 44

- Parse ἔβαλεν? \_\_\_\_\_ Why is this particular tense important at this time in the narrative? \_\_\_\_\_
- If the woman gave 'from out of her poverty' (ἐκ τῆς ὑστερησέως), what insight does this detail give in what was the source of this women's generosity? (cf. Phil 4:1; 2 Cor 8:14, 12) \_\_\_\_\_
- Look up again βίον in BDAG. What is the theological significance of using this word here instead of the other word for life (John 1:4)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Integration of Meaning

Write either a collect or a petition that reflects the unique theology found in this pericope.