

Greek Readings
Series B, Proper 27
Mark 12:38-44

Verse 38

- Parse διδαχῇ. _____ How does this word set the tone of this pericope?

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? _____

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? _____

What should have been their desire? _____
With what office might the 'scribes' be identified today? _____
Why? _____

Verse 40

- Parse κατεσθίοντες and προσευχόμενοι. _____
What is their position and force? (Voelz., 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) _____
- Parse λήμψονται. _____ Why does Mark use the middle voice? _____
- What is the theological significance of κρίμα? (BDAG 567, 4.b) _____

Verse 41

- Parse γαζοφυλακίου. _____ Where else does this occur? What is the most likely translation? (BDAG 186) _____
- Parse ἐθεώρει. _____ How does BDAG understand the duration of this action? (BDAG 454.1) _____
Why might Mark use this tense? (Voelz, 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? (Voelz, 81) _____ How is it used in this verse? (Voelz, 82) _____
- 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?

- Look up again βίον in BDAG (176-177). 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.