

Whose Son is the Christ
Beware of the Scribes & The Widow's Offering

Luke 20:41-21:4

1. Jesus is speaking to a group of Sadducees who seemed to be saying that the Messiah was actually a descendant of King David, thus merely a human being. Jesus quotes Psalm 110:1, a Psalm of David that refers to the Messiah as the Jehovah God, thus negating the idea that the Messiah was only human and not divine at all.
2. Next, Jesus warns not only His disciples but a wider audience of the duplicity of the Scribes—these lawyers, synagogue rulers, and more—that their religion is for show only and not real and actual. He ends this warning with a most solemn warning, that these hyper-religious showmen will receive a great condemnation.
3. In both cases, the Sadducees and the Scribes, Jesus is reaching out to them, because He knows their what their fate will be, unless they turn from their ways and humble themselves.
4. This third story now takes place, very likely later than the above confrontations, and takes place, as thought by most commentators, in the Court of Women in the Temple. Placed there were 13 trumpet shaped receptacles for people to drop offerings of money into.
5. Jesus calls attention to a very poor widow whom they can observe dropping in 2 coins (leptas—worth 1/8 of a penny). Jesus commends her and teaches His disciples an important lesson.

Notes:

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Opening Song: Come, Now Is the Time for Worship

Call to Worship:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Leader: We are justified by faith alone, and not by works.

People: AND OUR WORK, WHICH SPRINGS FROM FAITH, IS TO GLORIFY
OUR LORD.

Leader: Works prove that true faith is in place; faith is always accompanied by
works.

People: WE TRUST IN HIM WHOM WE SERVE.

Leader: Let us worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

O GOD, FROM WHOM ALL GOOD THINGS COME; LEAD US BY THE
INSPIRATION OF YOUR SPIRIT TO THINK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE
RIGHT, AND BY YOUR GOODNESS HELP US TO DO THEM; THROUGH
YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH
YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Psalm 110:1–4; Matthew 22:41–46; Mark 12:35–44;
John 1:1–5

Memory Verse: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have
seen his glory, glory as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
(John 1:14)

Reflection: Genuine faith most often goes undetected or un-noticed.

Choruses: “I Go to the Rock” and “Seek Ye First” and “For You Are My God”

Offertory Theme: In the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospels.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements: Birthdays, Reminder about Thursday evening Bible study

Bible Exposition: Romans 7:7–12 (Doug)

Hymn: # 320 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Sermon:

Whose Son Is the Christ? & Beware of the Scribes & The Widow’s Offering
Luke 20:41–21:4 (Kent)

Receiving Jesus in the Bread and the Cup:

The Confessional: “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

The Jesus Prayer: (sung twice): “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

The Promise of acceptance and forgiveness: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Individual, silent prayers of confession-The Lord’s Prayer

The Confirmation: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

The Assurance: “Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” Romans 8:30

Everyone is invited to Receive the Bread and the Cup

Benediction Song: “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord”, etc.

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26): May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

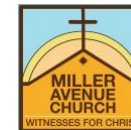
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Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV





Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
- Katie Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- James Daley** – Pastor/Treasurer
- Doug Fairclough** – Associate Pastor
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- Andrea Busta** – Audio-Visual
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry

← “The Widow’s Mite”
by James Tissot, c. 1890

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	10:30am–12:00pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20pm–1:20pm
Evening Worship <i>(in person and via Zoom)</i>	suspended
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00pm–8:30pm
THURSDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00pm –7:00 pm
SATURDAY	
Donated Food Pickup front of chapel	10:30am–1:00pm

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord. He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third
day He rose again. He ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian Church, the communion
of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen**

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Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

*✂ Please tear off and fill out
card. Place in offering basket or
give to church staff member.*

Today’s Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Other comments:

I would like someone to
contact me to pray over more
confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other

I am interested in helping with:

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other _____

I am interested in attending:

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Basics

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- May 14:** Sermon= Luke 21:5–19 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 7:13–20 (Katie)
- May 21:** Sermon= Luke 21:20–28 (Kent)
Expo= Romans 7:21–25 (Daniel)
- May 28:** Sermon= Luke 21:29–38 (James)
Expo= Romans 8:1–8 (Matthew)

Sunday Evening Service:

Suspended temporarily: In person and Zoomed worship service starts at 6:00 p.m.

Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

TV Program Viewing Schedule

(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)

Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM
Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM
Spiritual Paths and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$3,500
Giving for April	\$5,998



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
 for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
 to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

(Romans 1:16)

Welcome!

May 7, 2023

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"
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