

**Beware of the Scribes & The Widow's Offering &
Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple
Mark 12:38–13:2**

1. Scribes were the power brokers among the religious elites at this period in history; they were also boastful and self-righteous. They took advantage of their power positions.
2. In speaking of them, Jesus issued a sharp warning: "They will receive the greater condemnation." What this means is argued among commentators, but in any case, in the final judgment, these hyper-religious folk will not fair well.
3. In the Temple at a place where the treasury funnels were installed, Jesus watched as various people dropped or threw coins into the receiving jars. The rich made a show of it, throwing in multiple coins, but then a widow dropped in a lepton, worth a tiny fraction of a denarius.
4. Jesus called attention to the disparity in the giving. The widow essentially gave all she had, likely showing that she was trusting in her Lord to meet her needs.
5. The money received from both rich and poor largely went for the upkeep of the Temple, especially the well-being of the priests.
6. Jesus then states clearly, and this after a statement from one of His disciples about what a magnificent structure the Temple was, that not even one stone would be left upon another, that indeed, they will all be thrown down.
7. This event occurred at the conclusion of a Jewish rebellion against Rome in 66 AD, with the Temple destroyed in 70 AD by Titus, son of the Roman emperor Vespasian.

Notes:

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Congregation: And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: #87 Fairest Lord Jesus

Call to Worship: *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Leader: Our God is a gracious and loving God.

People: WE THANK HIM FOR HIS MERCY TO US.

Leader: He is God Almighty, Creator of all there is.

People: WE ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS LORD AND JUDGE OF ALL.

Leader: Now we bow before Him, our Savior and Lord.

People: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

LORD GOD, YOU CALL US TO WORK IN YOUR VINEYARD AND LEAVE NO ONE STANDING IDLE. SET US TO OUR TASKS IN THE WORK OF YOUR KINGDOM, AND HELP US TO ORDER OUR LIVES BY YOUR WISDOM; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:41–44; 20:45–47; 21:1–9; John 6:66–71.

Memory Verse: "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:44)

Reflection: Would that we would be like the widow.

Choruses: “High Praise” & “Knowing You” & “Peace Give I to thee” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Giving—against our selfish nature.

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, **NEW!:** fellowship dinner and study at the parsonage Wednesdays starting 9/18, 5:30, Friday night prayer, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator, and **big yard sale September 29th** after service (start bringing stuff).

Bible Exposition: John 6: 66-71 (Katie)

Hymn: Take My Life an Let It Be

The Sermon: **Beware of the Scribes & The Widow’s Offering & Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple**

Mark 12:28–37
(Kent preaching)

Benediction song:

“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they’ll know
we are Christians by our love.”

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.

Visit our church website: www.milleravenuechurch.org:

TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/miller.avenue.church.mill.valley>

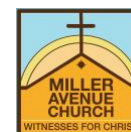
Did you know?

Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

Roku
Apple TV
Fire TV
Google TV
YouTube
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts and Sunday morning sermons are also on:
Apple podcasts, Amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio,
Radio.com mobile app, and Spotify (look for “Miller Avenue Church”)

Questions? ask katie@milleravenuechurch.org





Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
- Katie Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- Vernon Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- James Daley** – Preaching/Treasurer
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- Andrea Busta** – Audio-Visual
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry
- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Facilities
- Juan Carlos Garcia** – Spanish Pastor

← “The Widow’s Mite (Mark 12:41–44)”
by Paulus Lesire, c. 1630

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: _____

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Morning Worship (*in person and via Zoom*) 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch and Gathering 12:20 pm – 1:20 pm

Spanish Evening Worship (*in person*) 3:00 – 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Divorce Recovery Workshop (*via Zoom*) 6:50 – 8:30 pm

Meal and Study in the parsonage 5:30 – 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

Bible Study in the parsonage 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish 8:00 – 9:00 pm

SATURDAY

Donated food distribution in the Hall 10:00 – 11:00 am

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 Theology

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- Sep. 29:** Sermon= Mark 13:3–13 (James)
Expo= John 7:1–9 (Vern)
- Oct. 6:** Sermon= Mark 13:14–27 (Kent)
Expo= John 7:10–13 (Daniel)
- Oct. 13:** Sermon= Mark 13:28–37 (Kent)
Expo= John 7:14–24 (Matthew)

Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:

3:00–4:30 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	\$4,000
*Giving for September	\$3,534

*Does NOT include digital giving



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!

September 22, 2024

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