

# “On The Way” Mark Series - Sacrifice God Values

## Mark 12:28-13:2 (NIV)

### July 12, 2026

- **Mark 12:41-44 - The Widow**
  - Copper coin was the smallest unit of currency in circulation
  - Great faith, great sacrifice
  - **Introductory Question:** “*What’s an injustice in the world that you see?*”
  - **Takeaway: God Demands Justice**
    - Greek word *dikaiosyne* also is translated as “righteousness” -> right relationships with God and others
  
- **Mark 12:38-40, 13:1-2 - Jesus’ Judgment**
  - Markan Sandwich
  - Widows & The Torah: Exodus 22:22-23, Deuteronomy 24:17-19
  - Widows & The Prophets: Isaiah 1:17, Psalm 68:4b-5
  - Jesus BOTH praises the widow’s generosity and condemns the religious leaders’ injustice
  - The one who built the temple is the one who can tear it down
  
- **Mark 12:35-37 - Jesus’ Identity Enables Him To Judge**
  - Messiah is David’s Lord, his superior, his king
  - Quoted by Peter as evidence of Jesus’ identity and resurrection (Acts 2:34-35)
  - Quoted by Hebrews as evidence of Jesus’ superiority over angels (Hebrews 1:13)
  
- **Mark 12:28-34 - More Important**
  - Same one before them
  - Summation of 10 Commandments
  - Teacher was not far off, but still some distance -> will he recognize Jesus?
  - More Important Sacrifice
    - True Fasting: Isaiah 58:6-7
    - True Religion: James 1:27
  - Examples Today?
    - [Mother Teresa Accused and Defended](#)
    - World Demands Justice... but lacks the source
    - God Demands Justice & Is Just
  - Not Social Justice Gospel
  - **Response:** *What mountain (injustice) do you want to see moved? Are you ready to pray and to partner with God?*

