

WH  DO YOU 

SAY I AM  

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **MARK**

**What would
you save if
your house
was on fire?**



**What is
most
important?**



**What is the MOST IMPORTANT
COMMANDMENT according
to Jesus?**

IN THE TEMPLE

11:27-33

BY WHAT *AUTHORITY* ARE YOU
DOING THESE THINGS?

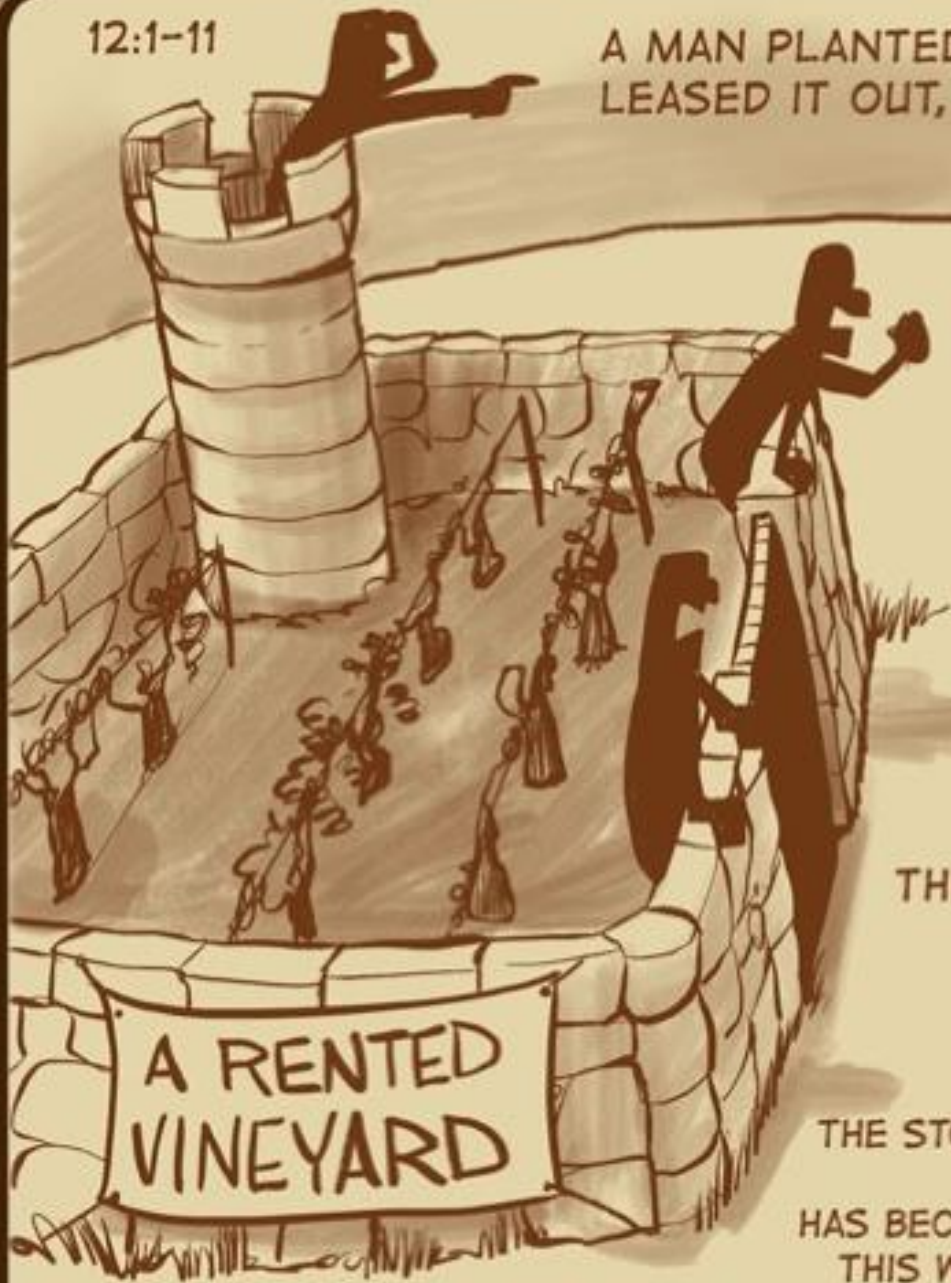


12:1-11

A MAN PLANTED A VINEYARD,
LEASED IT OUT, THEN WENT AWAY...

LANDOWNER

HE TRIED TO
COLLECT HIS
SHARE...



THEY KILLED HIS SON

THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS
REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE;
THIS WAS THE LORD'S DOING,
AND IT IS AMAZING IN OUR EYES

I WILL DESTROY
THE TENANTS AND
GIVE THE VINEYARD
TO OTHERS.

PHARISEES AND HERODIANS

A TRAP!

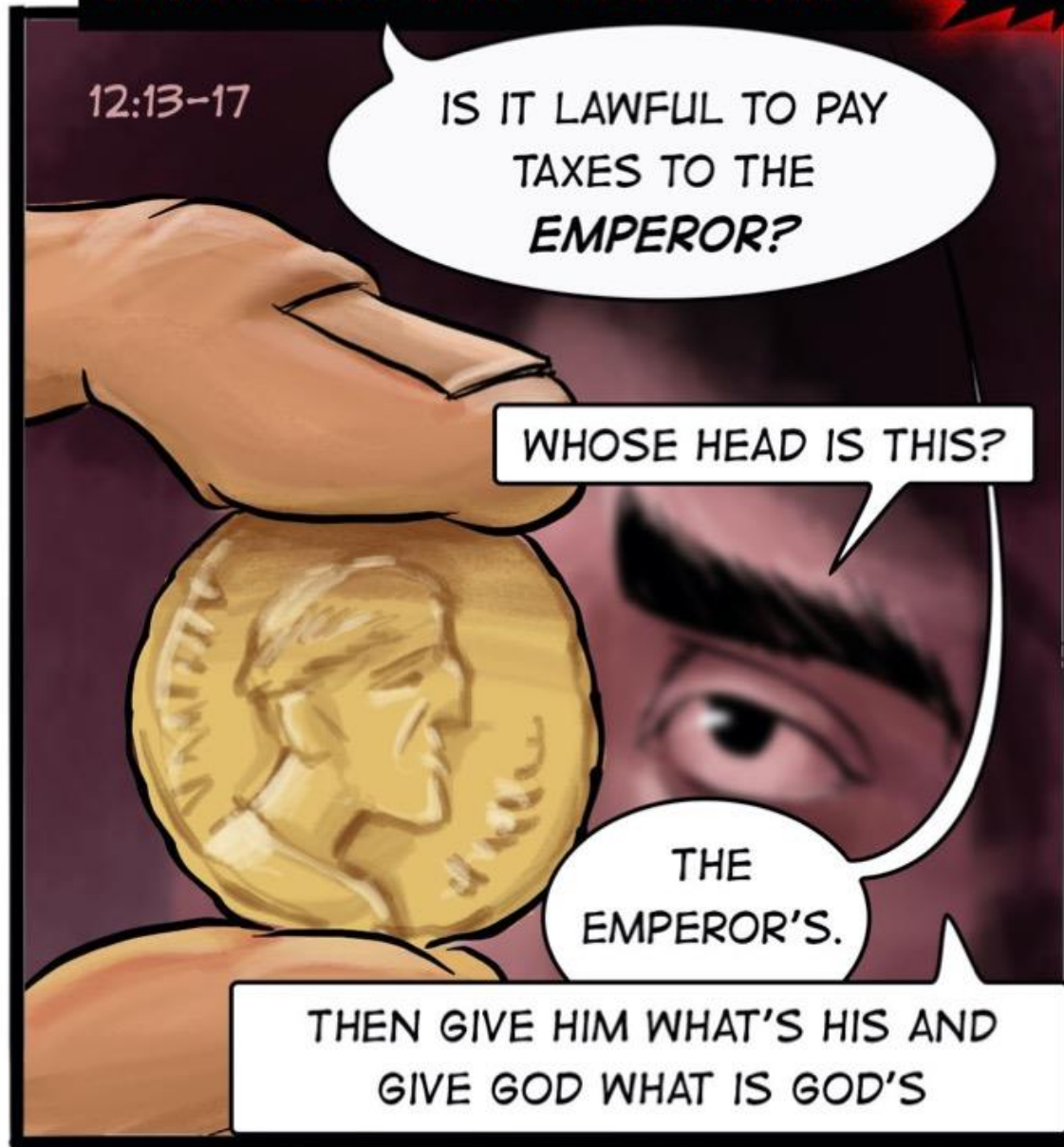
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IS IT LAWFUL TO PAY
TAXES TO THE
EMPEROR?

WHOSE HEAD IS THIS?

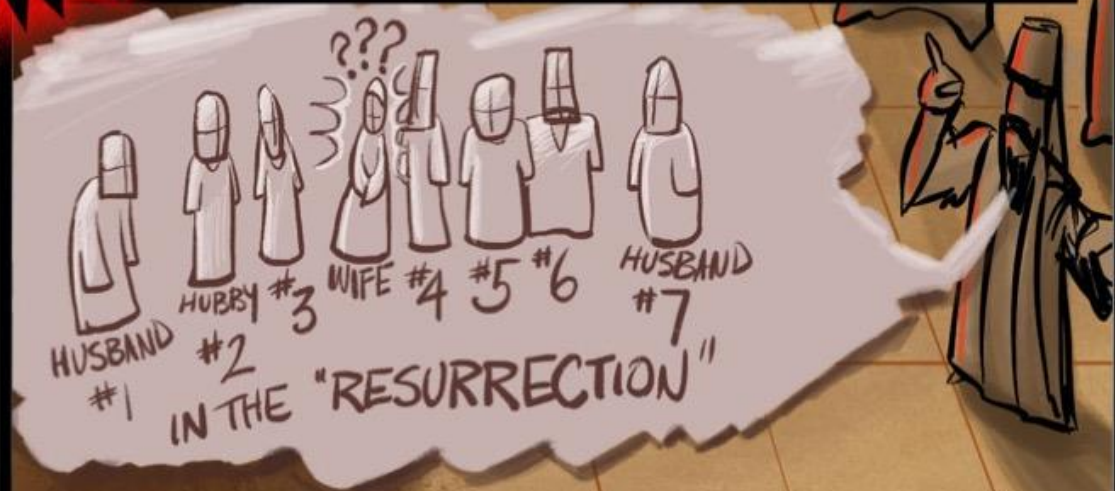
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THEN GIVE HIM WHAT'S HIS AND
GIVE GOD WHAT IS GOD'S



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SADDUCEES WHO SAY THERE IS NO RESURRECTION



WHEN THEY RISE FROM THE DEAD, THEY NEITHER MARRY NOR ARE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, BUT ARE LIKE ANGELS IN HEAVEN.



GOD IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING.

12:18-27

1. The MOST IMPORTANT command (v.28-34)

Mark 12:28

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him,

“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

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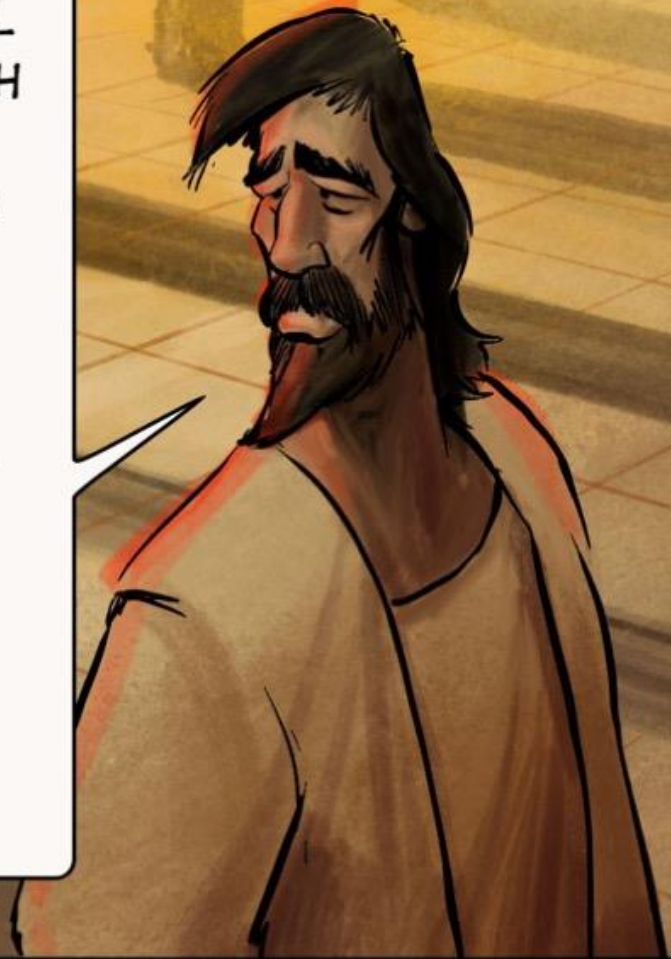
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³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

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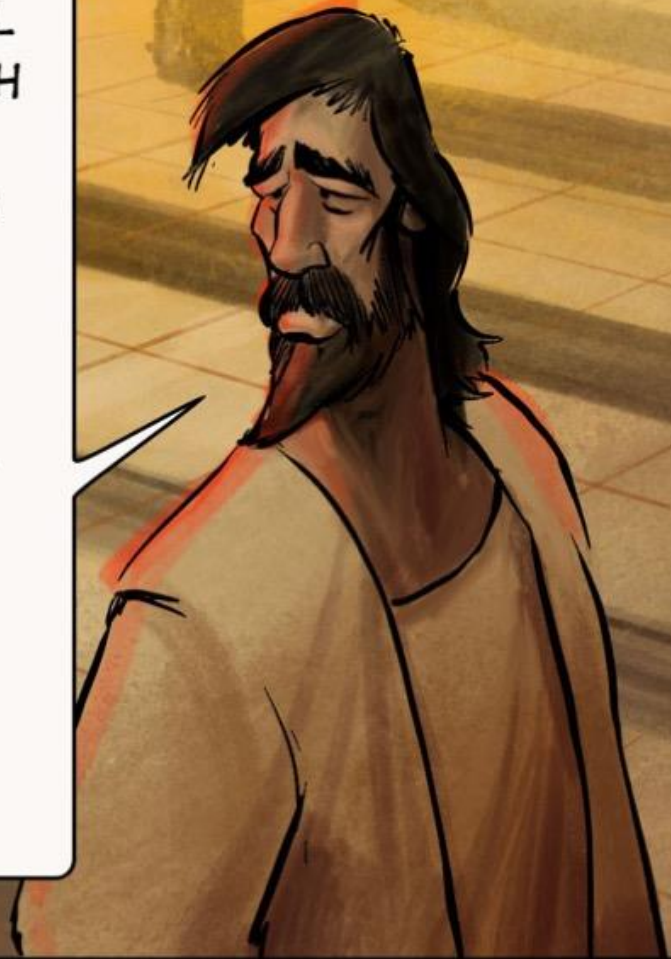
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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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Q: What was the scribe missing?

What is needed for Him to enter the Kingdom?

A: The Scribe needs Jesus!

The Scribe needs to attach himself to the King in order to enter into Jesus Kingdom.

The sad irony is the King was right in front of him and he missed it!

2. The truth of Jesus IDENTITY (v.35-37)

*³⁵ While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, **“Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David?”** ³⁶ David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:*

*“The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
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Of David. A psalm.

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This is clearly a Psalm about God speaking to King's David's lord... but who is this lord??

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- **Psalm 110 doesn’t just show Jesus identity it also confirms His authority!**

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Mark 12:38-40

³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

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- The warning here is for the Scribes (teachers of the Law) (v.38)
- Scribes were legal representatives
- If someone died, they would leave their estate in the hands of the scribes to divide it up according to their wishes (think: Executor of an Estate).
- Some complaints of these administrators taking liberties at the expense of estates

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**They will receive HARSHER
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Matthew 6:5

*“And when you pray, **do not be like the hypocrites,** for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others.”*

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4. The widow's CHALLENGING example (v.41-44)

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41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

*43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 **They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.**"*

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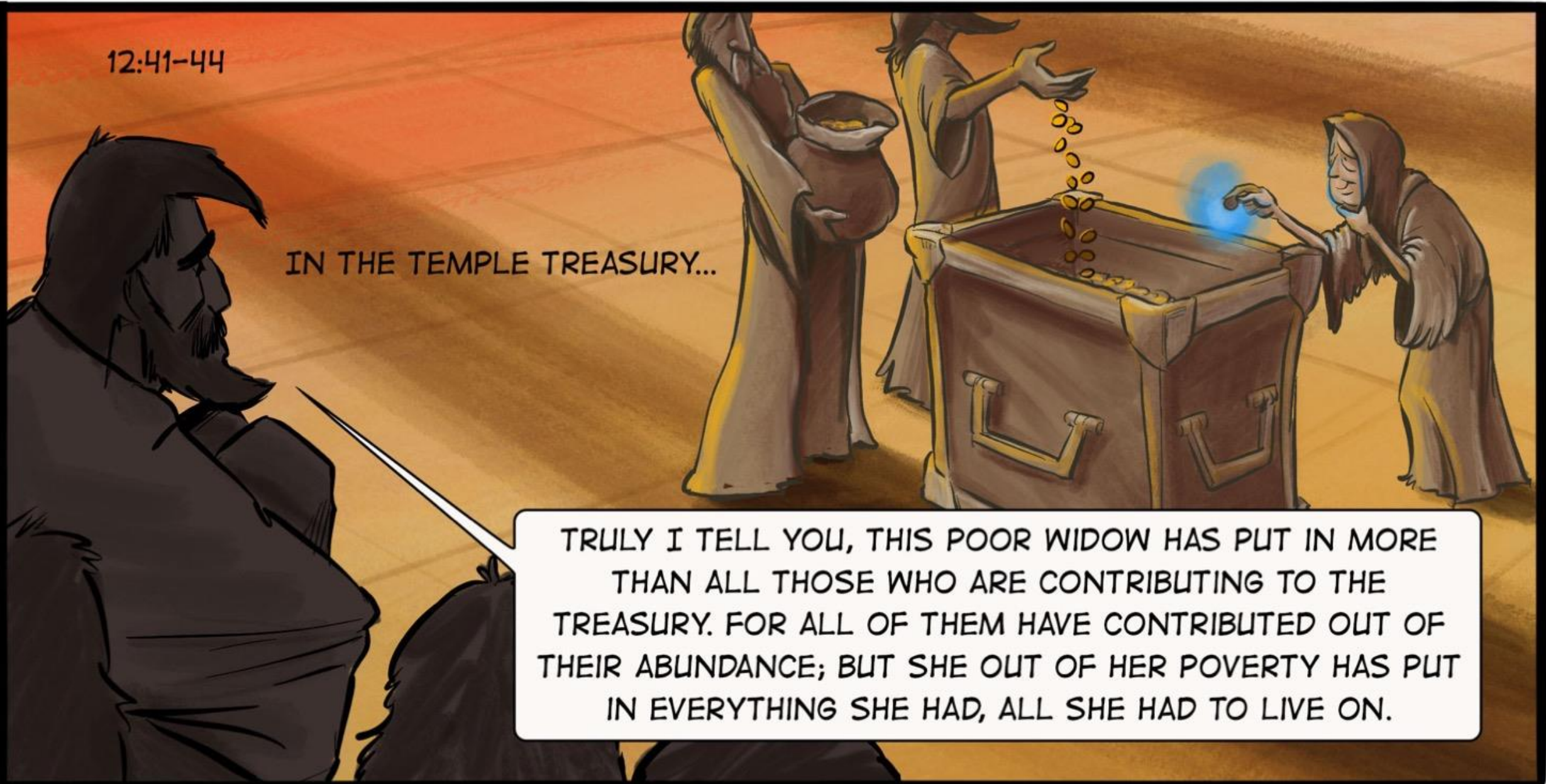
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- The widow's actions show us that she loved God completely (*with all her heart, soul, mind & strength*).
- She is commended by Jesus for her radical generosity despite her poverty. (v.43-44)
- The others gave out of their wealth (excess) she gave out of her poverty. (v.44)

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- We don't always love God with **EVERYTHING** we have.
- We struggle to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

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The GOOD NEWS of the gospel is that Jesus fulfils this greatest commandment perfectly for us.

He loved God (the Father) completely and loved us so deeply that He willingly offered up His life for the forgiveness of our sins.

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1 John 4:10-12

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



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