

### Some Troubling Questions...

- 1. In neither of the NT accounts does Jesus directly commend the actions of the woman.
- 2. The immediate context—both before and after the passage—doesn't fit with the traditional view.
- 3. In both Mark and Luke the closest reference to "widows" comes immediately before this paragraph and is exactly the same.

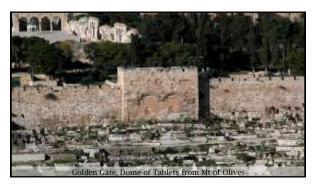
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- 4. Scripture never commands anyone to give away all he has to live on.
- 5. Scripture demands that widows be cared for and supported by God's people and their leaders.
- 6. God personally cares for widows.
- 7. God promises to bring severe judgment on those who take advantage of widows.







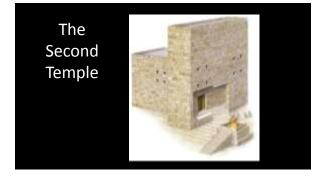




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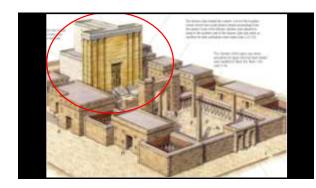
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  - Matt. 23:37-38 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!
  - Cf. Luke 19:41-44 at Triumphal Entry!

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- III. The Tragic Fulfillment of Jesus' Prophecy

## Application...

- 1) This prophecy and its fulfillment prove Jesus' deity.
- 2) In context, it shows Jesus' judgment on a false religious system that took advantage of the poor, the disenfranchised, and even poor, defenseless widows.
  - 1 Kings 9:6-8; Micah 3:12; Jeremiah 7:12-15; 12:7; 22:5; 26:6
  - cf. Ezekiel 10:18-19; 11:22-25

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- 3) Jesus' prophecy serves as an apologetic when God finally destroys the nation.
- 4) The destruction of the temple showed that the temple's work would soon be over.
  - Cf. Hebrews 9:1-14