SERMON

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, March 30-31, 2019 SERIES TITLE: THE JOURNEY TO GOLGOTHA

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SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:41-44

Mark 12:41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.

- 1. God cares about giving and how we use our treasure ...
- 2. BUT, He doesn't play the comparison game like we do ...

Mark 12: 42-44:

[42] And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.

[43] And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.

[44] 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."

- 3. INSTEAD, giving pleases God when it comes from a heart for the things of God!
- 4. Does the use of your treasure communicate a heart for the things of God? YES or NO
- 5. Don't let your <u>little</u> stop your <u>participation</u>.
- 6. Get to know the source of your treasure!
- 7. Have you given a gift worthy of the King? YES or NO

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Before we know it, **Easter** will be upon us. I hope you will experience the significance of this wonderful day - a day when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Let me remind you that we have some great opportunities to worship with the church family as we prepare for Easter.

Next week, as we continue our "Journey to Golgotha," we will begin looking at the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. Mark 14-15 contain the basic story of what Jesus went through as He became the sacrifice for our sin.

I particularly hope you will plan to be present on the Thursday before Easter for our **Maundy Thursday worship experience on April 18th at 7:00PM.** The Maundy Thursday service will center around the Lord's Supper, just as Jesus ate the supper with His disciples on that Thursday.

Maundy Thursday will get us ready for **Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday**. It will be a time of worship and reflection, a time for us to prepare our hearts for this significant weekend.

Please invite your friends for our Easter weekend services at the normal worship times. Because of our new building, we have room for you, your family, and your friends to worship with you.

Even unchurched people understand that Easter is a special time of worship. Please encourage others to attend with you for this special time.