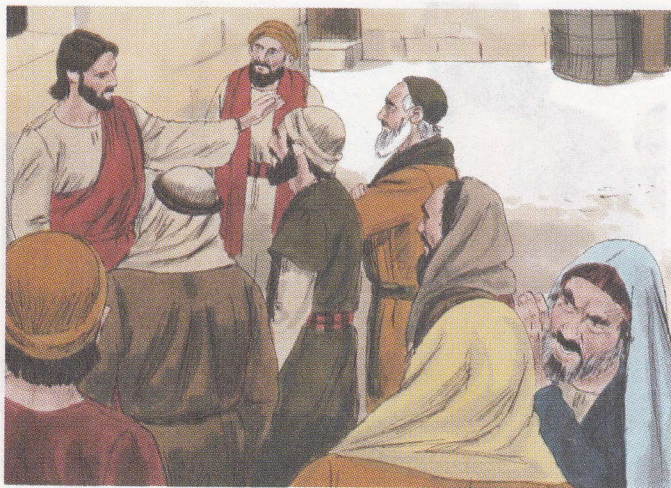


The Widow's Gift



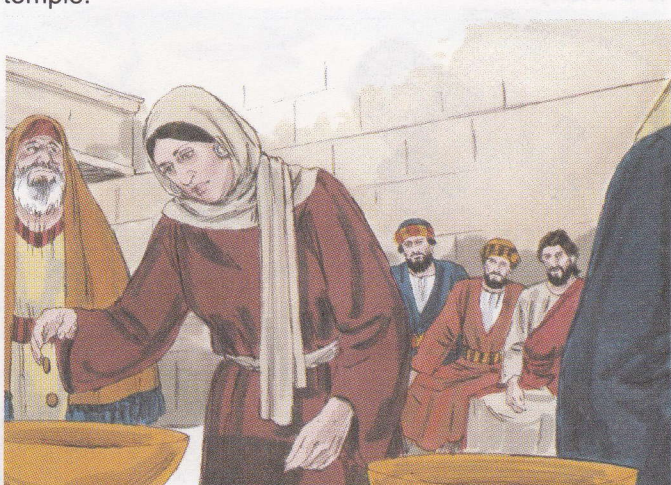
1 It was the last week of Jesus' life on earth. He was in Jerusalem, and during the day he taught the people.



2 On this day he was in the temple, and he sat down near the treasury. He watched as the crowds came and put their money into the treasury to help support the temple.



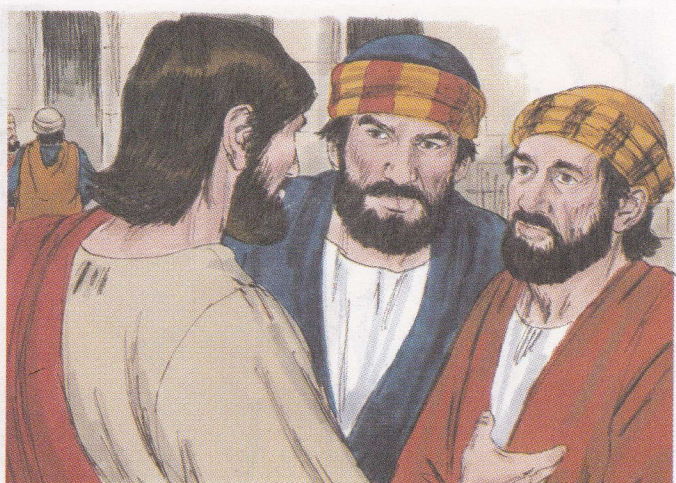
3 He saw many rich people come and put in large amounts of money.



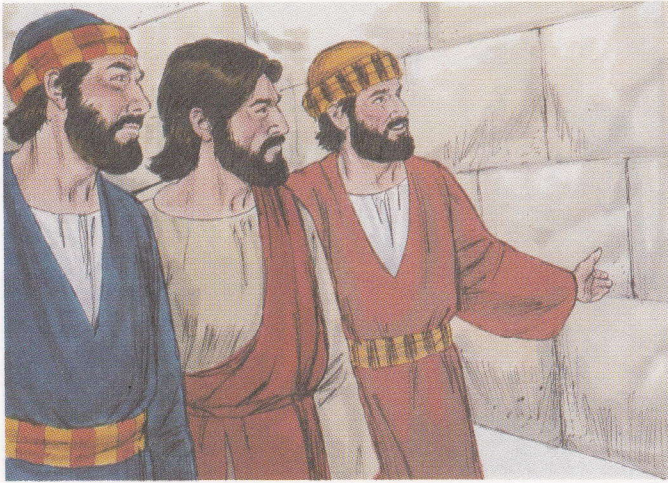
4 But then he noticed a poor woman who came up and put in only two copper coins, which are worth only a penny.



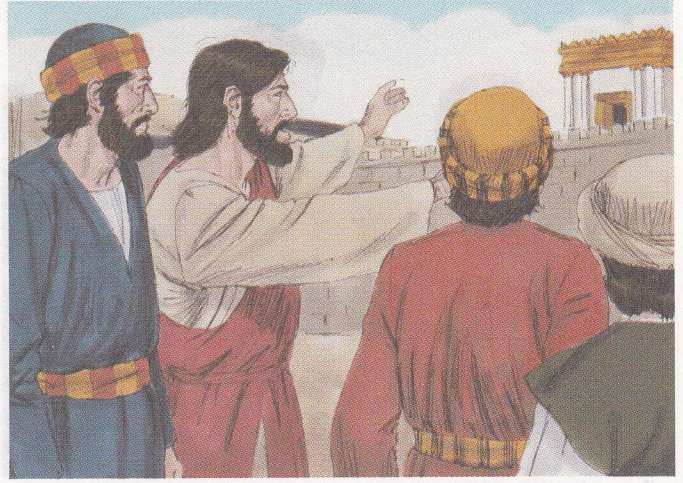
5 Seeing this, he called his disciples to him and said, "This woman has really put in more than all those rich people who are putting money into the treasury."



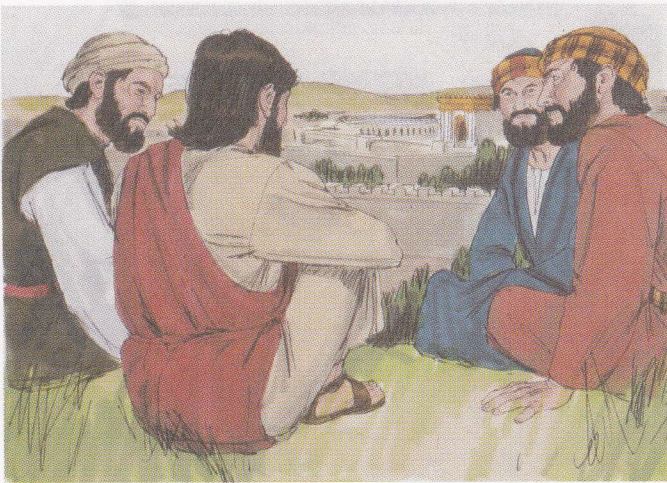
6 "They gave large sums, and they had much money left. But this woman is very poor. She has given everything she has—her whole living!"



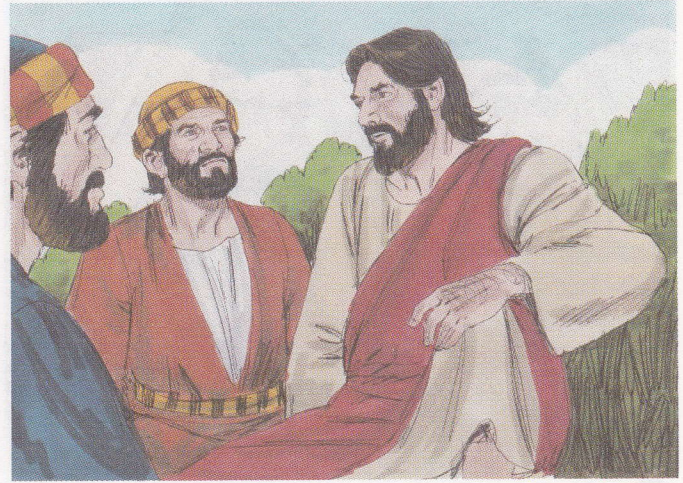
7 Later, as Jesus was leaving the temple, one of the disciples said, "Look, Teacher! What wonderful stones and what a wonderful building!"



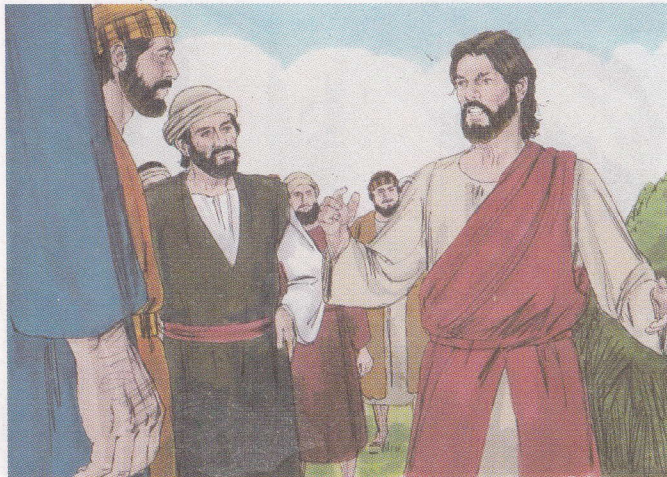
8 Jesus said to him, "Do you see these buildings? They will all be torn down. There will not be one stone left on top of another."



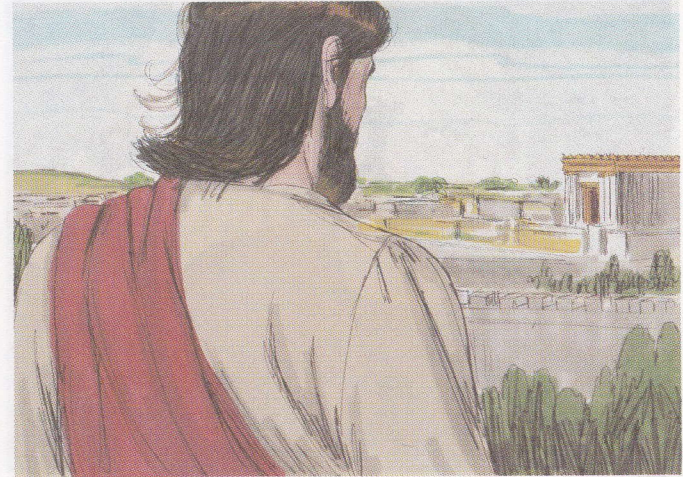
9 They went to the Mount of Olives. But James and John, still thinking of what Jesus had said, asked, "When will this happen? What will be the sign that it is about to happen?"



10 Jesus answered, "You will hear of wars, and earthquakes, and famines; and all of these things will happen. Jerusalem will be overrun by the Gentiles. But this is not the end of everything."



11 "You yourselves will be hated and beaten. But you will stand before governors and kings as my witnesses, and you must stand firm to the end."



12 "So be alert; I have told you these things ahead of time. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."