

God's Generous Goodness Glues Us together.

Face to Face Story 8
Mark 12:38-13:2

Jesus is sitting in the
temple watching.



He's not praying.
Jesus prays quietly
out in nature
in the early morning



He's not singing.
Jesus sings after dinner
with his friends.



He's just watching...



Here are the scribes
with their
long important pens
for writing out rules



And their long scrolls
of laws.
And their long beards.



And their long robes
And their long, long prayers



And their long, long, long
bills for people to pay
And the short jangle of
many coins thrown into
the offering box.



Wow! Say Jesus' friends
They can't read or write
They have the short rough
beards and short tunics of
fishermen



But Jesus doesn't say wow!

Jesus knows they write long scrolls of laws that they don't keep.

Jesus knows they have long impressive beards that reach to their chests

But they are short on love for God and the poor in their hearts



Jesus sees their long
swishing robes take a
short cut to avoid passing
by the blind man who has
taken off his only cloak to
use for begging.



Jesus hears their long prayers
– all fake because they pray
about their own goodness,
and not the needs of others.



Jesus sees their long bills
and knows they take
money and houses from
the poor.



Jesus sees them.
Jesus doesn't say wow.



Jesus sees someone else.
Someone short and quiet.
Someone long-suffering.
A woman – her short list
of people in the world to
help her has long run out.



She puts 2 coins in the
offering box.

It makes a short ting.

Now her last money has
just run out.



Jesus says a long wow!

Not happy face wow.

But Wow!

Look at this woman, friends.

She has given all she had.
God's love and faithfulness to her
is longer than forever.



Jesus and his friends leave the temple.

Wow!

- say Jesus' friends

Look at the beautiful stones
the temple is made from!



Ah, yes
– says Jesus
but it won't last long.



