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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



## Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

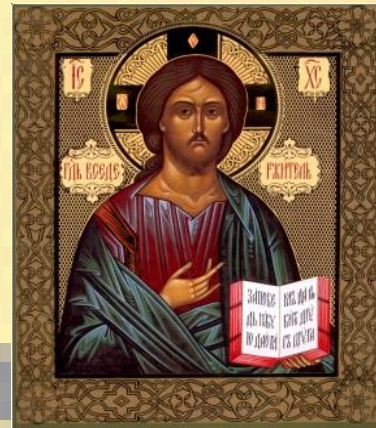
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



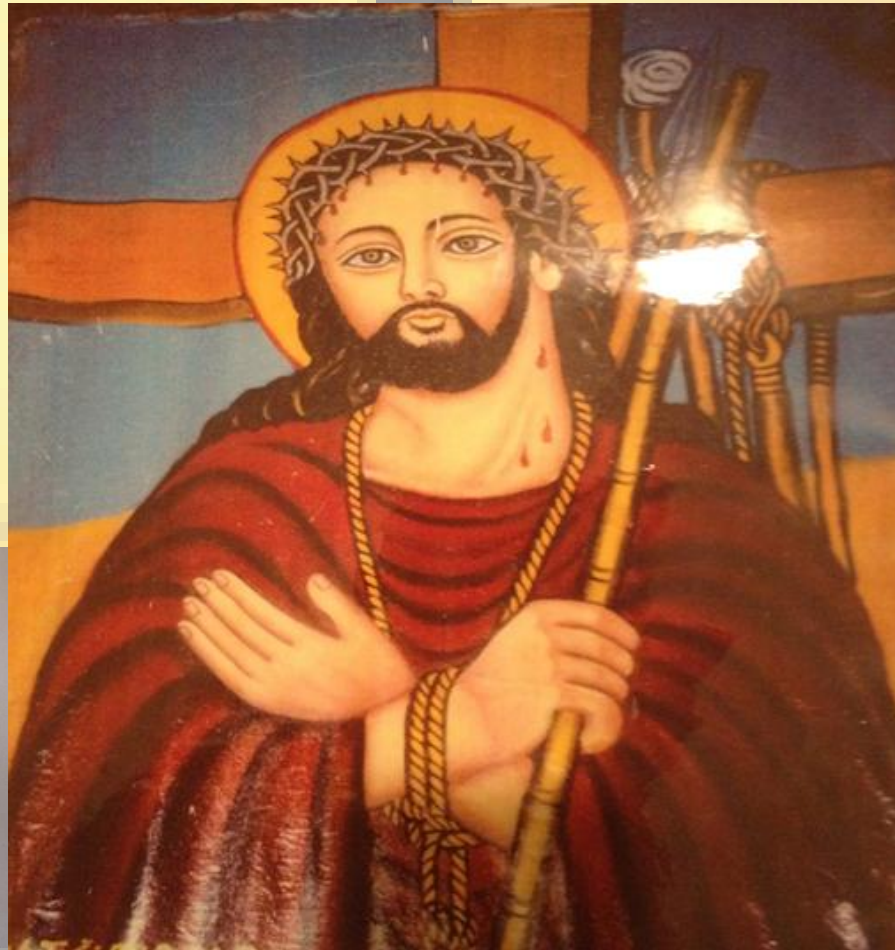
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

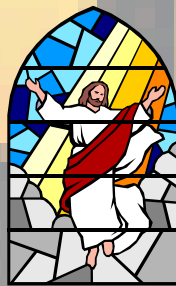
**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



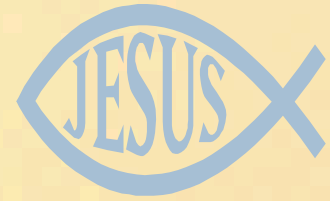
# Recite Last week's memory verse

**"I am the light of the world."**

**(John 9:5)**



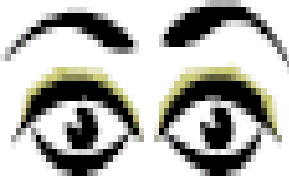


# Review



1. Why was this man born blind?
2. What did the disciples speak to Christ about?
3. What was Jesus' answer?
4. What did Jesus do to the man?
5. How did Christ open the eyes of the man who was born blind?
6. When you are sick, what must you do?
7. Why were the Pharisees arguing with the man?
8. Why didn't the parents confess it was Lord Jesus that healed their son?



# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# The Widow's Two Coins

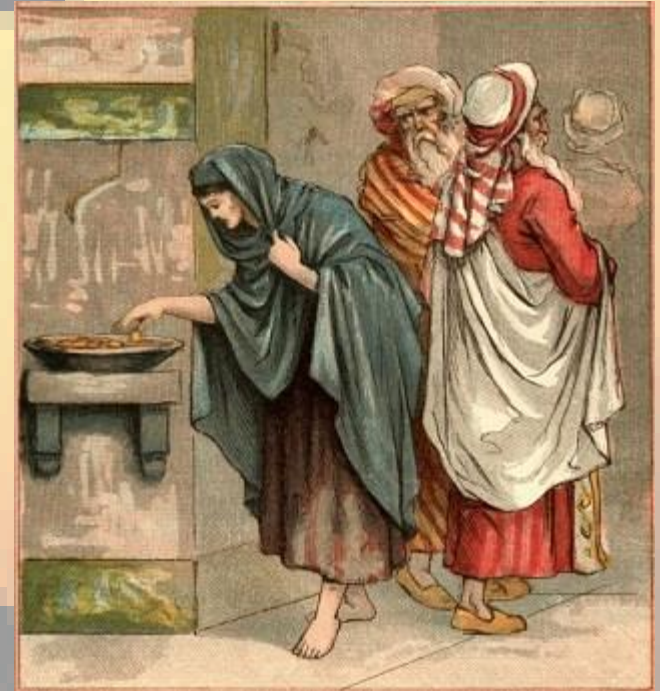
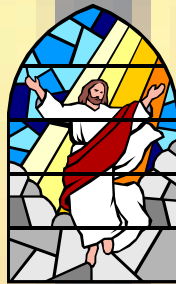


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# Memorize today's Verse

**“For the Lord loves a cheerful giver”.**

**2 Corinthians 9:7**



**Practice this verse  
again during the week.**

# THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

- The Lord Jesus Christ went into the temple.
- He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts in the treasury and offering lots of money.
- He looked at them for some time while they were offering the gifts.

# A POOR WIDOW

- The Lord saw a poor widow among the rich.
- She walked to the treasury and there she put two coins.
- She was happy to do that.
- The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them."



# THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART

- The people asked, "how can that be, each one of us has put at least one denarri's or pennies"
- They did not know that the Lord Jesus does not look for the amount of money but He looks for the heart.



# SHE GAVE ALL SHE HAD!

- The Lord Jesus gave them a lesson.
- He said to them, "This poor widow has put in more than all of them, for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had!"





# BE HAPPY TO GIVE

- And the widow was very happy to do that.
- The Bible says, "For God loves a cheerful giver."

# Anything we give to God and others should be combined with **LOVE**

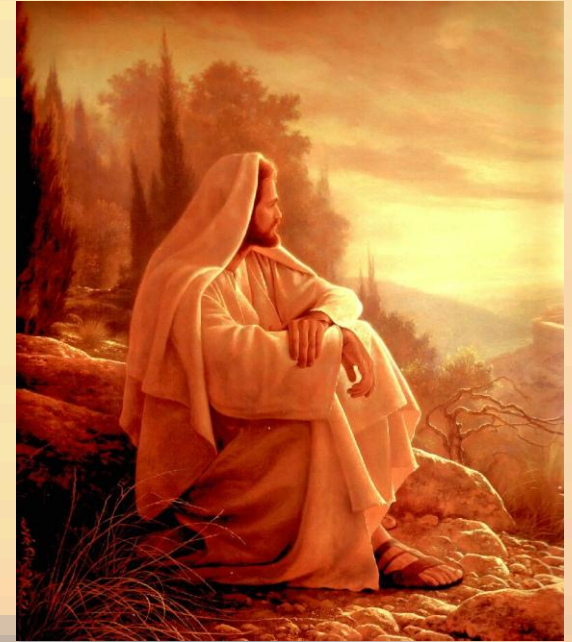
- Almsgiving = giving to the poor and needy / church.
- How do we give?
  - With true love
- The Lord praised the widow but he did not praise the rich.
- The widow expressed her love for the Lord by these two coins.

# Luke 12: 33-34

- "Sell what you have, and give alms, provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches, nor moth corrupts. For where Your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

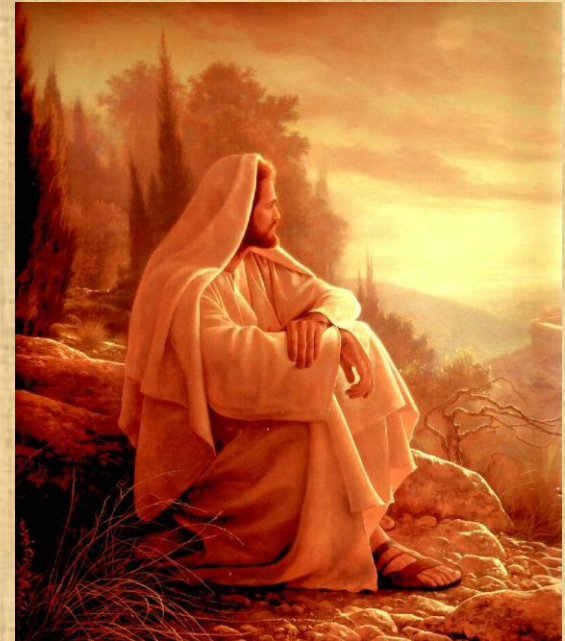
# Conclusion

- **God looks deep into our heart and see what our intent is.**
- **If our intention is not good, giving will not bring us blessings.**

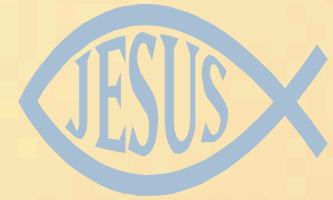


# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



# Pop Quiz



1. **Where did the Lord go?**
  - To the temple
2. **What did the rich offer and where did they put their gifts?**
  - The rich putting their gifts and lots of money in the treasury
3. **What did the Lord Jesus Christ notice?**
  - A poor widow putting 2 coins in the treasury
4. **What did the Lord Jesus say to them all?**
  - You all put a small portion of the great riches you have, but see this widow she cheerfully gave from her poverty all she had!

The End

# Next Week

We will learn about Simon and sorcery.







May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know  
the truth, and the  
truth shall make you  
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

