WIDOW’S FAITH GIFT
LUKE 20:45-21:4
Every human faces a decision crisis about true lordship in their lives. Since we cannot serve two masters, we will choose to worship either God or wealth. (Matthew 6:24) When the rich young prince visited Jesus in search of affirmation for his moral lifestyle, Jesus looked into his heart and discerned the worship of wealth. He invited the young man to sell everything, give it all away to the poor, and then become his disciple. But the man walked away from Jesus, because the heart of his worship was earthly riches. (Mark 10:22) Our Lord commands us to place our complete trust in him and not depend upon our own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5) The master icon illustrates the spiritual lessons of the poor widow’s offering. The man with a robe of death illustrates the rich people who pursue the praise of man for their public generosity. The robe reveals a future in hell for their worship of wealth rather than the secret generosity of Christ’s kingdom. (Matthew 6:3) The dragon coils victoriously behind the two religious leaders whom he has successfully tempted to desire man’s praise and public honor. In contrast, the humble widow secretly gives God everything she has. The scale accurately illustrates the spiritual weight of this woman’s gift. Jesus raises his hand signaling his blessing of her generosity, and the disciples on either side release their growing faith in Jesus and the culture of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit (dove & fire) is upon the woman giving her power to trust God completely. The guardian angel ministers comfort to her in this time of suffering, and the life healing river flowing around the woman illustrates this woman’s trust in Yahweh Yireh to provide for her. The vision of the woman resting against a tree surrounded by a field of beautiful flowers illustrates her complete trust in and dependence upon God. The future vision is the woman’s soul in heaven standing next to the Judge waving a palm branch as a true disciple of Jesus who worships God the Father in spirit and in truth. The cherubim angel’s face is a man illustrating that each person faces this choice: worship Yahweh and live or worship wealth and die.

**Widow’s Faith Gift story sketches**

**Sketch #1**: Woman & two coins - This sketch is the story logo. This sketch illustrates what is world famous about this story: a poor widow gave God everything she had.

**Sketch #2**: Two men - This sketch illustrates the first part of the story where religious leaders and the rich aspire to be praised and rewarded by men.

**Sketch #3**: Money bag & two coins - This sketch illustrates the second part of the story where the rich gave large gifts publicly, and the widow humbly gave two small coins.

**Sketch #4**: Cloud & bread - This sketch illustrates the third part of the story where Jesus revealed that the widow trusted her Father in heaven to provide her daily bread.