

all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him. Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.' Therefore David himself calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?" And the common people heard Him gladly."

The seventeenth Thursday.

Mark 12:38–44

At that time, Jesus said in His teaching,

"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation." Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow

157. Letter V, p. 143, fol. 72 v, 55 mm

Because of the halo, the two-layer dress, and the codex, earlier researchers have recognised St. Mark the Evangelist, the author of the verses of the pericope, as being the person shown (J. Maksimović, "Ликови јеванђелиста", p. 48). Such an interpretation, however, does not seem acceptable, since the illuminators, according to strict church canons, could not portray an Apostle of unharmonious proportions and inappropriate clothing, such as ornate stockings. This detail reveals the identity of a psychically disturbed person, in whom we recognise a scribe who likes to go in long robes (Mark 12:38) and, for

the sake of material goods such as expensive clothes, devours widows' houses (Mark 12:40). It is possible that because of this, his vacant halo is noticeably different from the halos of the truly holy persons presented in the Miroslav Gospel. – D. Ćimović.

See comment on p. 83.

