

Getting Ready for Sunday!



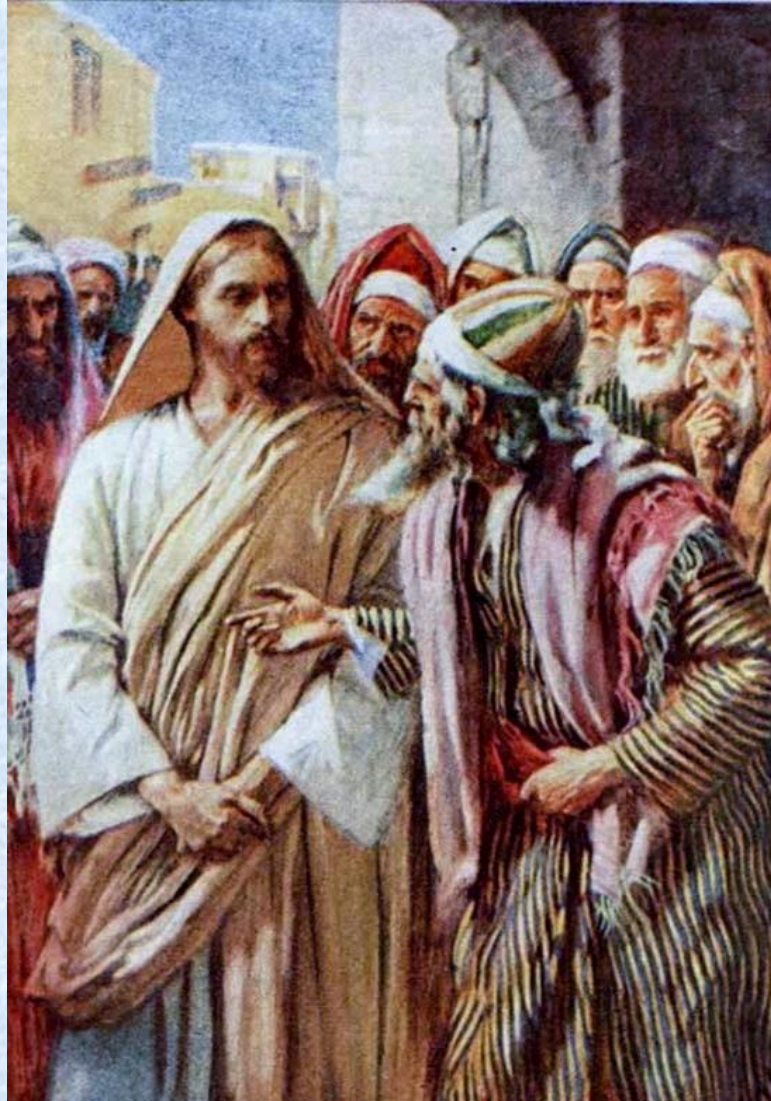
## **Matthew 23:1-12**

### **Jesus Denounces the Scribes and Pharisees**



**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. *You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach.*

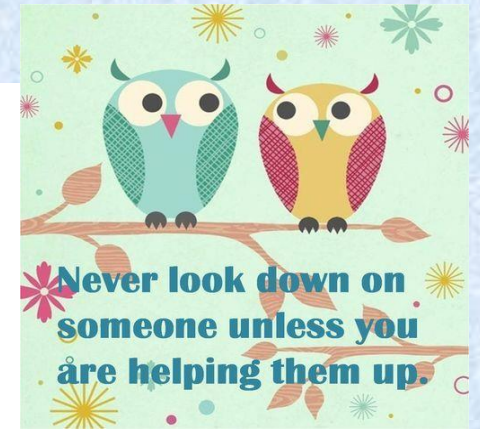


***They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they!***



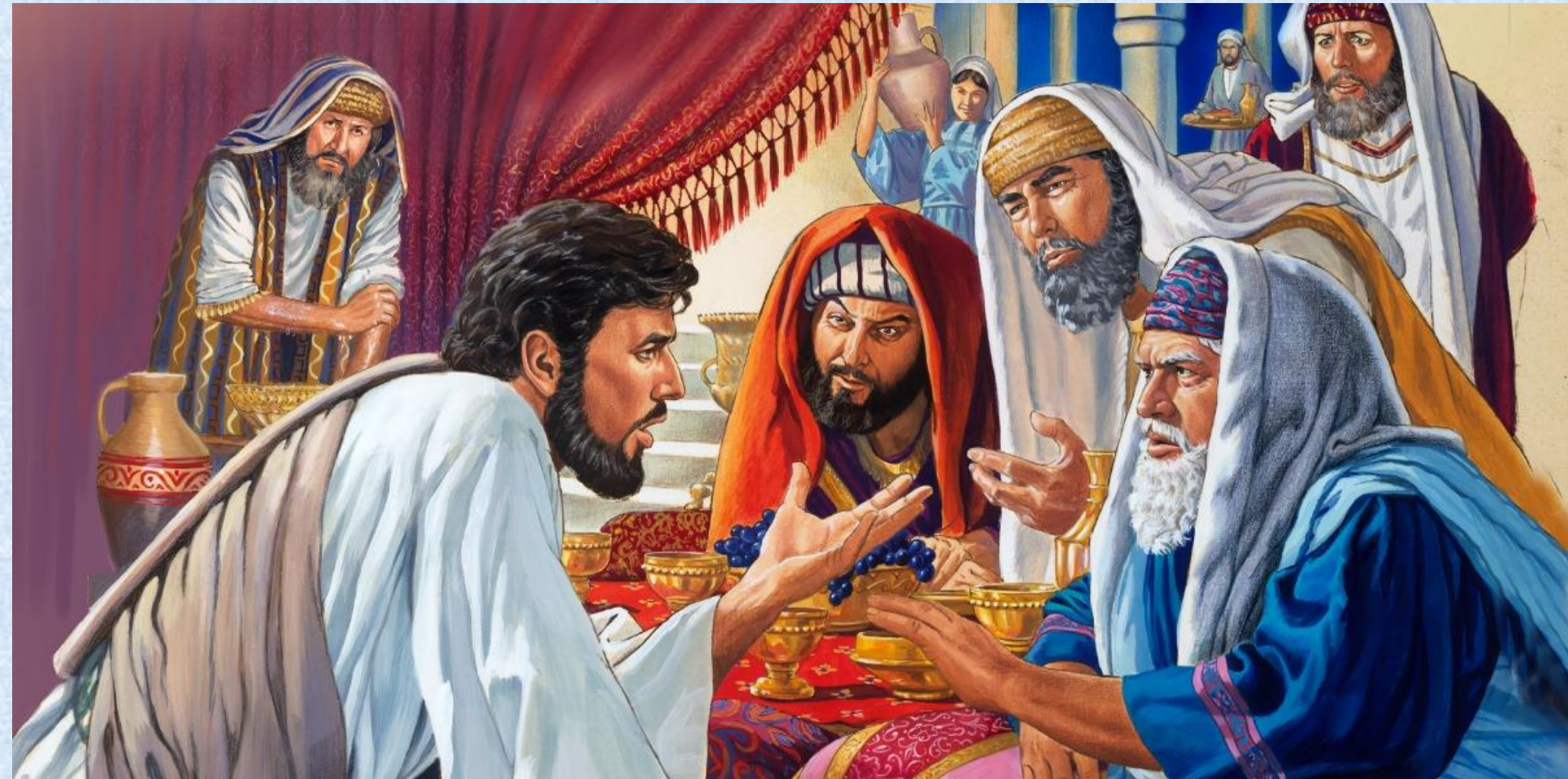
***Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels.***

***They like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.***



***You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers.***

***You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ.***



***The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.***



## Bible Search

Read **Matthew 23:1-12** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.





Consider



**Consider how you may add to someone's self esteem.**

## Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to grateful for  
the gifts given to you..**

**Ask God to help you to live  
your life to full capacity.**

