

Lectionary Readings, October 25, 2020

Matthew 23:1-12, New Revised Standard Version

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

² "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat;

³ therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.

⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.

⁶ They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues,

⁷ and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.

⁹ And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven.

¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant.

¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.