Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Mo-ses’ seat; 3 therefore, do what ev-er they teach you and fol-low it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. 4 They tie up heav-y bur-dens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoul-ders of oth-ers; but they them-selves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by oth-ers; for they make their phylac-teries broad and their frin-ges long. 6 They love to have the place of honor at
banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in
the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called
rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father
on earth, for you have one Father -- the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instruc-
tors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be
your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble them-
selves will be exalted.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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