

Friday, Week 4: Mark 12:38

“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces.” (NRSV)

1. Throughout this Advent season, we have been considering the prophetic titles that Isaiah assigned to Christ. In light of these, it is remarkable to reflect on Jesus’ humility. As you think about this aspect of his nature, how are you challenged?

2. At no time in the gospels do we ever get a picture of Christ swishing around in long robes, demanding respect. And yet he – above all people – deserved it. How can you demonstrate respect and honour for Jesus in your life today?

3. Remember that Jesus taught us whatever we do for “the least of these” we do for him. What is one practical thing you could do this Christmas to honour “one of the least of these?”



Father in Heaven: It's too easy to let my pride get in the way of being the kind of Christian that you call me to be. Help me to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness and to trust you with the rest. For then I will, like Jesus, be an instrument of your peace. In his name I pray. Amen.