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¹⁴⁻¹And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

⁷And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them. ⁸When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; ⁹And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. ¹⁰But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. ¹¹For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. ¹²Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. ¹³But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: ¹⁴And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this Sunday's gospel we see Jesus going for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees where they watched Him closely. This gospel is not merely a teaching on the last judgement but what can happen when God touches us.

Who are the people in our lives who have shown us our weaknesses? At the time we may not have been pleased but today we can, as we meditate on this passage thank God because we have grown spiritually since

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the people who have taught us to be humble and not always feel we deserve the place of honour.

Forgive us Lord for the times that we judge people because they live or act different to us, instead of trying to see or understand the reason they act as they do.

Help us Lord to realise that as St. Francis said "What I am before God is what I am, nothing more or nothing less."

