

**Praying through this week 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**  
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- a Pharisee... observing from a distance, feeling threatened and challenged by Jesus’s arrival and his teachings...?
- the human Jesus...knowing how the story unfolds...the disappointment that your warnings of events to come have seemingly fallen on deaf ears...the trepidation at what awaits you,..possible feelings of isolation...the burden of what you have to carry?

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