



# THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME

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# Introduction

- The Lord Christ often spoke of the Kingdom of Heaven
  - “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field... (Matt. 13:24)
  - “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed...” (Matt. 13:31)
  - “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven...” (Matt. 13:33)
  - “the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field...” (Matt. 13:44)
  - “the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls...” (Matt. 13:45)
  - “the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet...” (Matt. 13:47)
- The Jewish understanding of the Kingdom
- “But **if** I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.” (Matt. 12:28)

# Casting out a demon and the Kingdom of Heaven

- Matt. 12:29 – “Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”



# The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God

- The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God?
- Is heaven a place?
  - “I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (Jn. 14:2-3)
- “The Kingdom of God has come upon us...”
  - “The kingdom of God is within you.” (Lk. 17:20-21)

# The Kingdom of God is a breaking through

- Every act in the life of Christ (power, miracles, words, etc.) was the kingdom of God being made manifest.
- EX: Little Timmy
- EX: Fr. Abram El Samuely

# The Greatest Miracle

- *“He who knows His own sin is higher than the man who resurrects the dead by his power. He who has been granted the gift of seeing himself is superior to the man who sees angels.”* (St. Isaac the Syrian)
- **STORY:** Monkey hunting