**Then the kingdom of God has come upon you**

**THURSDAY MARCH 11 (Lk 11, 14-23)**

Only God can carry out the works of God. Only He can command creation and it obeys in doing what is asked of it by its Creator and Lord. The Lord, through Moses, asks the dust of Egypt to turn into mosquitoes and the dust obeys. The magicians of Egypt would like to do the same, but the dust remains dust. They confess to Pharaoh their inability to do this, attesting that Moses works with the finger of the Lord, that is, with the almighty hand of his God and Lord, who is greater and stronger than all the gods worshiped by magicians and by the Pharaoh himself: *"Thereupon the LORD said to Moses," Tell Aaron to stretch out his staff and strike the dust of the earth, that it may be turned into gnats throughout the land of Egypt. "They did so. Aaron stretched out his hand, and with his staff he struck the dust of the earth, and gnats came upon man and beast. The dust of the earth was turned into gnats throughout the land of Egypt. Though the magicians tried to bring forth gnats by their magic arts, they could not do so. As the gnats infested man and beast, the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." Yet Pharaoh remained obstinate and would not listen to them, just as the LORD had foretold" (Ex 8, 12-15).* Every man, if he is honest in mind and heart, must confess what comes of God and which comes of man. It is his duty of justice. It becomes a testimony of great foolishness and ignorance to attribute the works of God to the devil. If this happens it is revealed that the heart is also wicked and evil. Pharisees and scribes are fools and foolish, because they attribute the works of Jesus to the devil in order to discredit Him, so that no one believes in one of his words anymore. After all, who would believe in a man who works in virtue of Satan and not with the finger of God. Being Pharisees and scribes ruled by Satan they always know what falsehood and lie to invent so that Christ Jesus is not believed by the people. They fear the people because it hangs on the lips of Jesus. By isolating Jesus from the people, they think they have the best of him. In fact, even when his death was decided, it was established that it was not in the days of the feast. They feared a riot of the people.

*He was driving out a demon (that was) mute, and when the demon had gone out, the mute person spoke and the crowds were amazed. Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul , the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul , by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that (I) drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger**[7](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=it&prev=_t&sl=it&tl=en&u=http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/__PWU.HTM%23%243M2" \l "$3M2) than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.*

When the truth of his words and actions are at stake, Jesus always intervenes and shows the origin of his work. Satan does not cast out Satan, rather he always strengthens his kingdom. Who drives out? Who is stronger than him? Only one is stronger than Satan: his Lord, his Creator, his God. This is indisputable truth. If Jesus drives out Satan and can drive him out only with God’s finger, the kingdom of God has come to earth. Pharisees and scribes will never be able to build the kingdom of God on earth. Because they are not with Christ, they are against Him. He who is the only one sent by the Father to bring the true kingdom of His heart to all. If they are against Him they disperse, they do not gather; they tear down they do not build; they raze to the ground they do not raise; they kill, do not vivify. This Word of Jesus is also valid for us who have decided today to build the kingdom of peace on earth, without the Prince of peace and the peace itself that is Jesus. Whoever stands against Christ because he has chosen not to be with Christ, will never be able to build the kingdom of God. The Word of Jesus remains forever: *"Whoever does not gather with me scatters."*

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us builders with Christ of His kingdom.