

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily  
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Cycle A

The Kingdom of God or the day of the Son of Man will not come with observable signs nor can one pinpoint where it will be, for, as Jesus says, “The Kingdom of God is among you”. Behind these words lies a sense of exasperation on the part of Jesus against those who constantly seek for signs but then, after seeing the signs, still refuse to believe.

What does it mean for the Kingdom to be in our midst or among us? Jesus may be referring to his presence, words, and works in our midst that we fail to recognize. But it could also point to the inner quality of the Kingdom. One should not look for its signs outside; rather, one has to look into oneself. Or it could mean that it is found where communion or community is experienced.

Jesus dreamt of a community where no one would be treated as inferior but where everybody would have full recognition as human beings. He dreamt of a community where people serve each other.

So when Jesus said in our Gospel, “The Kingdom of God is among you”, He meant that whenever people share, treat each other with equality, humbly serve each other in freedom, the Kingdom of God is present. The Kingdom of God shines through the darkness of the evil reign and gives hope that it finally embraces all of humanity. As Christians we are all an essential part of God’s Kingdom.

Amen