

Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 66:10–14c • Galatians 6:14–18 • Luke 10:1–12, 17–20 or 10:1–9



The Kingdom Is Now

In this week's Gospel from Luke 10, we witness Jesus sending out his disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Just as Moses appointed seventy elders to lead the Israelites, Jesus, the new Moses, appoints seventy disciples to go out and carry his message to the world. This mission reveals an important truth: the Kingdom of God is not just a distant concept—it is near, available, and active in our lives today.

Jesus sends his disciples out as “lambs among wolves” (Luke 10:3), warning them that their mission won't be easy. Yet he equips them with specific instructions: heal the sick, announce that the Kingdom of God has come near, and bring God's mercy and justice into people's lives. This message is a powerful reminder that we, too, are called to be ambassadors of Christ's kingdom. When we know Scripture and God's will, we can confidently proclaim his plan to others.

The disciples returned from their mission filled with joy, excited by the authority they wielded over evil forces. But Jesus gently reminds them that their greatest joy should not be in their power but in the knowledge that their names are written in heaven. This is the true heart of the mission—not just to bring healing or confront evil, but to lead souls to eternal life with God.

As followers of the Kingdom of God on earth, we have an important responsibility. Hate and evil have always been around, and so it is now. In Scripture, the opposite of good has many names, including wolves, demons, and serpents. For us “lambs” to crush the serpents and oust the wolves and demons, we must be courageous and spread the Good News that the kingdom is at hand now.



Live the Gospel

Jeff Cavins says, “Jesus sends his disciples into the world with this simple and powerful message: ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ This week, find ways to bring the reality of God's kingdom to those around you. Whether through acts of mercy, sharing the Gospel, or offering forgiveness, your words and actions can make the presence of God known. Take a moment to ask yourself: ‘How can I proclaim the kingdom of God in my daily life?’”

Dive Deeper

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Ponder and Pray

» If you feel like a “lamb among wolves,” how can you trust more deeply in God’s protection and guidance?

» Where may God be calling you to step out and proclaim his kingdom, even in the face of wolflike resistance?

» Does knowing that “all that God is, is available to you” through Jesus shape your reliance on him in your struggles and challenges? How can you live more boldly in that truth?

Make It Your Own

You and others in your household may use this space to write anything about today’s Mass. It might be your view of Jeff Cavins’ reflection, your priest’s homily, your answers to the questions on this page—anything to help you and your household get the most out of today’s Mass.

“ **The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.**

—Luke 10:2 ”

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