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Jesus was casting out a devil and it was dumb; but when the devil had gone out the dumb man spoke, and the people were amazed. But some of them said, 'It is through Beelzebul, the prince of devils, that he casts out devils.' Others asked him, as a test, for a sign from heaven; but, knowing what they were thinking, he said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is heading for ruin, and a household divided against itself collapses. So too with Satan: if he is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? – since you assert that it is through Beelzebul that I cast out devils. Now if it is through Beelzebul that I cast out devils, through whom do your own experts cast them out? Let them be your judges then. But if it is through the finger of God that I cast out devils, then know that the kingdom of God has overtaken you. So long as a strong man fully armed guards his own palace, his goods are undisturbed; but when someone stronger than he is attacks and defeats him, the stronger man takes away all the weapons he relied on and shares out his spoil.' He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters.' (Luke 11, 14-23)

Some of Jesus' contemporaries did not hesitate to accuse Him of being a servant of the devil, even though He had already proved his goodness and power in casting out demons. Do you believe in the power of the Son of God against the Devil? Do you believe that the power of Jesus has been entrusted to the Church which never leaves us without exorcists?