

# The Divine Trinity in Matthew Chapter 12

Series:  
**The Gospel**  
According to  
**Matthew**

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# The Harmony, Beauty, and Excellency in the Divine Trinity

**Open your Bible and read these verses: Mathew 12:22-37.**

Then answer the questions on the right here.

**Matthew 12:28** But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**The Divine Trinity is here again, in Matthew 12:28**

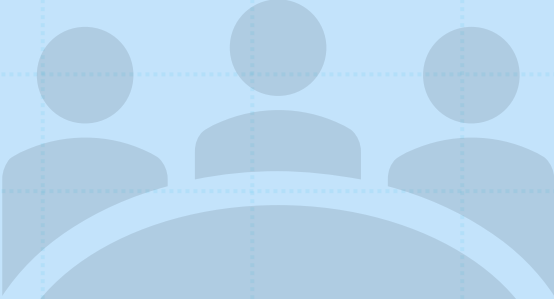
- In Matthew 12 the Son, in the person of man, cast out demons by the Spirit to bring in the kingdom of God the Father:

**Revealing how the Lord Jesus acts and moves**

- The Pharisees rejected the Lord. They were selfish and blasphemed the Lord.
- He took that opportunity to reveal something more about Himself and the Divine Trinity.
- The way He cast out the demons, by another One and for another One, showed that He did not act individualistically but with humility and selflessness.

**A Beautiful coordination**

- The Son as the center of the Divine Trinity was altogether not by Himself, for Himself, or to Himself; whatever He did was by the Spirit of God and for the kingdom of God the Father.
- This shows us the harmony, beauty, and excellency in the Divine Trinity.

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- Can you retell the story in Matthew 12:22-37?
  - Focus on Matthew 12:28. What does this verse speak to you?

# A Pattern of Coordination for Us

## **Matthew 12:28 is an example for us to follow**

- The move of the Divine Trinity with the divine coordination in Matthew 12:28 is an excellent and beautiful example for us to follow.

## **In the Church**

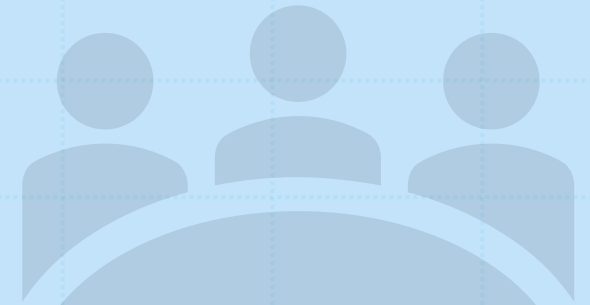
- The church is not a physical building, but the Body of Christ.
- In the Body of Christ, Jesus is the Head and we, the members, are His Body. He has set up a good pattern of coordination for us.
- Today in the church life, the Body of Christ has not been built up adequately because of the shortage of the proper coordination.
- We may do something according to the will of God, but what we do should not be by ourselves but by some others; furthermore, what we do should not be for ourselves but for the interest, the right, of God on this earth.

## **The 4 living creatures in Ezekiel 1 walk forward, sideways, and backwards.**

- These 4 living creatures are a picture of the members of the Body of Christ in a beautiful coordination.
- **Ezekiel 1:5a** And from the midst of it there came the likeness of four living creatures...
- **Ezekiel 1:12** And each went straight forward; wherever the Spirit was to go, they went; they did not turn as they went.

## **Linked Excerpt on Coordination in the Meetings**

- <https://www.ministrysamples.org/excerpts/COORDINATION-IN-THE-MEETINGS.HTML>



- Read the linked excerpt on "Coordination in the Meetings".

# How we can enter into this Beautiful Coordination

- **John 17:21-22** That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me. **22.** And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one.
- God wants us to be one, just like He is one.
- In John 17 Jesus prays for us to have this oneness.

## Contact and enjoy this wonderful person within us

- The way He cast out demons, by another One and for another One, showed that He did not act individualistically but with humility and selflessness. This is the kind of person we have within us. This person is the reality of the kingdom of the heavens. We are not like this, but we can contact this person. We can allow Him to grow in us and to live through us. He does not act individualistically. Rather, He does everything with humility and selflessness. This is the person that we contact and enjoy. (*Crystallization Study of Matthew, Vol. 1, Message 4, Ed Marks*)
- This life of the Divine Trinity in us is always telling us, "Do not do anything by yourself or for yourself. Go and fellowship with the other members."

- End with a prayer where each one takes a turn to pray.

