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FATHER BROWN AKA THE DETECTIVE (1954)

With Alec Guinness

WEDNESDAY December 31st 7PM

SATURDAY January 3rd 7PM



Throughout this series we've asked: who decides what crime means when legal frameworks fail?

We've watched rigged systems, institutional failures, laws that protect predators, entire communities opting out. We've seen competing jurisdictions where none function, and we've examined the moment you choose to participate in resistance.

On Wednesday we ask: what if you reject state authority entirely?

Robert Hamer's **Father Brown** (1954) stars Alec Guinness as G.K. Chesterton's priest-detective pursuing the master thief Flambeau across Europe. But Father Brown doesn't work for the police. He doesn't arrest people. He doesn't prosecute. His authority comes from God and moral philosophy, not law enforcement.

He solves crimes through understanding human weakness and sin, not through legal frameworks. He hears confession instead of taking statements. He offers redemption instead of punishment. The state wants Flambeau imprisoned. Father Brown wants his soul saved.

That's anarchism in the true philosophical sense: rejecting the state's monopoly on justice, operating through voluntary association and moral persuasion rather than coercion.

After eight weeks systematically dismantling hierarchal frameworks - rigged, illegitimate, corrupt, or simply obsolete - we end with a film that suggests: maybe the answer isn't reforming the law. Maybe it's operating outside it entirely through moral clarity and human connection. Oh, and it’s funny, too.