

Passion Week – Question about the Law (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 22:34–40	Mark 12:28–34a
<p>34 But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together.</p> <p>35 One of them, a lawyer,</p> <p>asked Him <i>a question</i>, testing Him,</p> <p>36 “Teacher,</p> <p>which is the great commandment in the Law?”</p> <p>37 And He said to him,</p> <p>“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’</p> <p>38 This is the great and foremost commandment.</p> <p>39 The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’</p> <p>40 On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”</p>	<p>28 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him,</p> <p>“What commandment is the foremost of all?”</p> <p>29 Jesus answered,</p> <p>“The foremost is, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;</p> <p>30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ [Deut 6:4–5]</p> <p>31 The second is this, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ [Lev 19:18]</p> <p>There is no other commandment greater than these.”</p> <p>32 The scribe said to Him, “Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;</p> <p>33 AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE’S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”</p> <p>34a When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”</p>

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