

The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 48

Read Mark 12:28 – 34

Introduction: *The scribes had determined that the Jews were obligated to obey 613 precepts in the Law, 365 negative precepts and 248 positive. One of their favorite exercises was discussing which of these divine commandments was the greatest. The Lord quoted Deuteronomy 4:4 – 5, the great confession of the faith that even today pious Jews recite each morning and evening. It is called “The Shema” from the first word of the confession, which means “hear”. Then He quoted Leviticus 19:18 which emphasizes love for one’s neighbor. Jesus made love the most important thing in life, because “love is the fulfilling of the Law” (Romans 13:8 – 10).*

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1. This scribe apparently saw that Jesus had great wisdom and so he wanted to ask Jesus an important question concerning the Law. “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” If you could ask Jesus a question concerning the law what would your question be?

2. The scribe did not have an ulterior motive in his question to Jesus. The scribes were the experts in the law, the biblical authority of those days. They studied all the commandments in the Old Testament. Read Exodus 20:1 – 17. Write these commandments out in your own words.

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- What do the first four commandments instruct us to do?

- What do the last six commandments teach us to have?

3. According to Matthew 22:37 – 40 when the lawyer was testing Jesus about the greatest of the commandments what was the answer Jesus gave him? (Write out verse 40)

- What is the number one priority in my relationship to God?

- What is my second priority concerning my relationship to my neighbor?

4. In what manner, does the story of the “Good Samaritan” in Luke 10:25 – 37 demonstrate both our love for God and for our neighbor?

5. How did God show His love for you in the following passages?

- John 3:16 – 17

- Romans 3:20 – 26

