



Introduction: The religious leaders had been testing Jesus all day on _____ of the Passion Week of Christ.

Jesus silenced them both with wisdom that left the crowds _____.

Now the Pharisees regrouped for one final attempt. They sent forward one of their best—a _____, an expert in Jewish law—to ask: *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”*

613 Commandments

1. The Pharisees _____ Together – 22:34

“But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.”

The Greek word for “silenced” is *phimoō* — meaning “to _____ or make speechless.”

1 Peter 2:15 reminds us: *“For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.”*

2. A Lawyer _____ Jesus a Question – 22:35–36

“Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?’”

The “lawyer” here was not a courtroom attorney but a _____—an expert in the _____ law.

“Lawyer – expert expounder of the Old Testament law. Equivalent to a degree in _____ today.”

The Pharisees believed that by continually questioning Jesus, He would eventually _____ and say something they could use against Him.

Though polite, the lawyer’s motive was to _____ Jesus.

This question was not for _____, but for _____.

3. Jesus Provided the Lawyer an _____ – 22:37–40

“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the first and _____ commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

A. Jesus Shares the _____ Important Commandment – 22:37

“‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”

Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 — the _____, recited daily by Jews.

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

The Shema taught that God deserves our _____ person — heart, soul, and strength.

What It Means to Love God Completely:

- _____ – The center of your being; your desires and devotion.
- _____ – The seat of your emotions and will.
- _____ – Your thoughts, intellect, and understanding devoted to God.

To love God means to hold _____ back — to give Him _____.

The Hebrew word *me'od* means “very _____.” It calls us to love God with all our:

To love God with all your **me'od** means to love Him with your _____ — every resource, influence, and breath.

4. Jesus Shares the _____ Great Commandment – 22:39

“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Jesus quotes Leviticus 19:18, elevating love for _____ to the same level as love for _____.

Love for God must flow into love for _____.

What Does It Mean to Love Your Neighbor? To seek another's _____ good, even at a cost to yourself.

Practical ways to love your neighbor:

We love others best when we seek their _____ and show them the same _____ we desire for ourselves.

Right with God = Right with Others

We are right with _____ when we love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind. We are right with _____ when we love them as ourselves.

If we fail to love our neighbor, we are not truly _____ with God.

Without love for **God**, obedience becomes _____; Without love for **people**, obedience becomes _____.

5. Jesus Makes a Profound Statement – 22:40

“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The word “hang” (*kremannymi*) means to depend upon or be suspended from. Every other law in Scripture depends on these two:

- **Love God**
- **Love others**

“If you don’t love God, obedience turns to _____. If you don’t love people, obedience becomes _____.”

Conclusion: Mark adds the rest of the story (Mark 12:32–34), *“Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth... to love Him with all the heart, understanding, soul, and strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”*

Jesus replied, *“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”*

So, what moves a person from being “not far” to being *in* the kingdom?
_____.

It’s not enough to know the truth—you must let truth _____ your life.

So, what is the Greatest Commandment?

1. Love _____ with your everything.
2. Love your _____ as yourself.

I would close by saying, “make sure that you know Jesus Christ as your _____ and _____.”