



## **The Two Great Commandments** **Matthew 22:34-40; 23:1-4**

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Imagine standing under Niagara Falls with a tin cup. That's how The Twelve must have felt walking with Jesus day by day. They witnessed wondrous works of God's power, grace, and truth, and yet, they were only able to capture a fraction of what Jesus was revealing to them.

In addition, the Scribes and Pharisees had devised 613 "laws" from the Torah (248 positive & 365 negative) that all Jews were required to keep. Centuries later these were written in the Talmud. But a lawyer's question about the law gave Jesus an opportunity to keep it simple.

In our text, Jesus answered a Pharisaic lawyer who asked about the greatest commandment in the law, and the twelve were listening.

### **Main Thought...**

➔ Real followers of Christ truly love \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **1. There is the question of a \_\_\_\_\_ (22:34-36).**

Mt. 15:7-9; 21:12-14, 18-19

#### **2. There is the response of the \_\_\_\_\_ (22:37-40).**

- Love the Lord with all that's in \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 37).
- Love your neighbor as \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 38-40).

Dt. 6:4-9; Lev. 19:18b; Jn. 13:34-35; 14:15

#### **3. There is the lesson to be \_\_\_\_\_ (23:1-4).**

1 Jn. 3:10, 16-18; 4:19-21

### **Final Thoughts...**

➔ Are you who you \_\_\_\_\_ you are?

➔ In what ways does your life \_\_\_\_\_ it?