

The Question About the Great Commandment: A Study of Love

Mathew 22: 34–40

(Mk 12:28-34; Lk 10:25-37)

1. *The Pharisees plotted against Jesus*

- a. They gathered together
- b. They appointed a brilliant lawyer, an expert in the law, to challenge Christ
- c. They questioned Christ:
Which is the greatest commandment?

2. *First:*

Love God

- a. Love as your own God
- b. Love with all your being:
Your heart, soul and mind
- c. Love is man's chief duty

4. *Second:*

Love your neighbour

- a. Love self
- b. Love neighbour as self

4. *The conclusion:*

Love includes and embraces all the commandments

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus replied:
“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it:
‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”