

# The First Commandment of All

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MARK 12:28-34

INTRO. **A** Jesus came to Jerusalem on His way to the CROSS.

1. His coming and His actions angered many of the Jewish religious leaders.
2. They tried to trap Him and destroy Him.
- Vs. 14 3. They questioned Him about paying taxes.
- Vs. 19, 23 4. They asked Him about the resurrection.

**B** The final question.

- Vs. 28 1. It is asked by one of the scribes.
2. He heard them reasoning together.  
συζητῶν = "to seek together", "inquire of one another".
3. He perceived that Jesus answered them well.  
οἰσα = "to have apprehended", "He heard the questions and the answers and believed the Lord answered well."

Vs. 28 14. "Which is the first commandment of all"?

## I. The Answer of Jesus.

**A** The foundation on which Israel rests.

- Vs. 29 1. "Hear, O Israel"; ἀκούω = "to learn by hearing".
2. "The Lord our God is one Lord".  
"Lord" = κύριος = "might or power", Θεός with ὁ is "the God" the God of the Bible, the God of Revelation.
3. "Our God is mighty and He is one".
4. "The first of all the commandments is".
5. The first thing you must do is get this right!  
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**B** And because this is true, you must,

- Vs. 30 a 1. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God..."
2. "love" = ἀγαπάω = "to cherish with reverence"



## II. The Second Commandment.

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[A.] "And the second is like, namely this..."

- Vs. 31
1. The "second" = δεῦτερος, second as of number, order, place or time.
  2. The second principle of your life.

[B.] "...Thou shalt <sup>①</sup>love thy <sup>②</sup>neighbor..."

1. ἀγαπάω = (see vs. 30a)
2. ὁ πλησίον = "the one near"  
occurs in John 4:5 - "...near (πλησίον) the piece of land which Jacob gave".
3. Luke 10: 36, 27, 29 (same as above)  
The parable of the Samaritan was spoken to answer, "and who is my neighbor?"
4. Who is my neighbor? The one near you.

[C.] How much shall I love my neighbor?

1. "...as thyself". σεαυτου = "thou thyself" "your own being" "who you are", what you think yourself to be worthy.
2. What you would choose for yourself.
3. This I reserve for myself.

[D.] How great are these principles?

1. "There is none other commandment greater than these".
2. μείζων = comparative of μέγας
3. There are no greater principles that will be implemented. None will be issued. No others offered to supplant them.
4. There are no New Testament commandments that are greater.

## Some Thoughts

1. We are touched in our heart by the word and Spirit of God.
2. We examine the information we have heard with our rational minds.
3. Then, we receive it with all of our heart and mind.
4. We then attempt to serve and achieve the truth with all of our strength.
5. All of this is done for the glory of ~~our soul~~ God and the good of our soul.

Addenda to the First Commandment.