

"What is the Greatest Commandment?" (Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34)

I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

- A. Jesus the Good Shepherd
- B. Jesus Ministering in Judea
- C. Jesus returns to the Temple
- D. Jesus' Passion Week in Jerusalem

I. The **SETTING**: (Mark 12:28; Matthew 22:34)

- A. This encounter occurs on _____ of Passion week
- B. A _____ approached Jesus with a question
 - * _____ did the scribe approach Jesus with this question?
- C. The question arose because of a _____ of the Pharisees who wanted to _____ Jesus
 - * Why the difference is accounts?
 - * **Scribes** (lawyers) were professional scholars specializing in the interpretation and application of the law of Moses, the Old Testament, and rabbinic regulations
 - * What was driving this question?

II. The **INTERACTION**: (Mark 12:29-34; Matthew 22:35-40)

- A. Jesus states the _____.
- B. Jesus puts first, as a matter of primary importance, the commandment to _____
- C. The law stated that the Israelite is to love God _____ – literally out of----

- * The _____ represents the inner man, his thoughts and emotions.

- * The _____ distinguishes individuals. This includes the heart and the whole of the inner self, so we could understand this to mean the whole of one's being or life.
- * The _____ focuses on a person's thoughts. This refers to the thoughts of a man, his reason, meaning that it includes the moral faculties of an individual.
- * _____. This includes volition, capability, and acts of the will. This implies energy – it is to be an active love

D. Jesus says that God is to be loved "with _____" or "out of your _____" heart, soul, mind, and strength.

E. Jesus includes a second commandment that is _____ from the first

F. The Scribe _____ the truth that Jesus spoke

G. The scribe's response indicates that He was not only concerned with the words, but the _____ behind the words, and had thus come to realize that obeying God's desires is more important than _____ observance.

H. Jesus tells the scribe he is _____ from the kingdom of God

* What does this mean to me