

The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-34

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Mark 12:28–34 (CSB) - *One of the scribes approached. When he heard them debating and saw that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which command is the most important of all?”*

29 Jesus answered, “The most important is ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The

second is, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other command greater than these."

³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, teacher. You have correctly said that he is

*one, and there is no one else
except him. ³³And to love him
with all your heart, with all your
understanding, and with all
your strength, and to love your
neighbor as yourself, is far*

more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the

***kingdom of God.” And no one
dared to question him any
longer.***

**1. The most important
question in all of life**

V. 28 - *“Which command is the most important of all?”*

**2. The most important
duty in all of life**

Mark 12:29-31 (CSB) - *Jesus answered, “The most important is ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

³⁰*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and*

with all your strength.’³¹ The second is, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other command greater than these.”

**3. What the scribe got
right**

Mark 12:32-33 (CSB) - *Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, teacher. You have correctly said that he is one, and there is no one else except him. ³³And to love him with all your heart, with all your*

understanding, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, is far more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

4. The last thing needed

Mark 12:34 (CSB) - *When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And no one dared to question him any longer.*