

Our Most Important Commandment **Mark 12:28-34**

Question: What is our most important commandment? 28

- ▶ Mark's scribe is pictured as less hostile, cf. Matt. 22:34ff.
- ▶ This is first time a question comes from a single individual.

Answer: Love God and love others as yourself. 29-31

- ▶ Jesus' answers with Dt. 6:4, 5, which implies what? Jn. 14:21.

- ▶ Jesus adds Lv.19:18 to Dt. 6:4,5. Why? See Matt. 22:40.
What do some today want "loving others" to mean?

What did Jesus not mean by adding Lv. 19:18? See context in Lv. 19:17, plus Prov. 3:11,12, 27:5. Love ≠ _____

- ▶ Who is my "neighbor," and how do I show love? Lk. 10:25ff.
How will love also be clarified very soon? I Jn. 4:9,10

- ▶ ". . . as yourself" (Self-love / concern is assumed, Eph. 5:29.)

Agreement: Loving God and others surpasses sacrifices. 32,33

- ▶ Jesus' answer here gets a compliment rather than just silence.
- ▶ This compliment is even reinforced, cf. I Sam. 15:22, Hos. 6:6.

Encouragement: You're not far from the kingdom of God. 34

- ▶ What is yet needed for this scribe to enter the kingdom?

- ▶ What is the obvious reason for no more questions?
**What should be noted about God, love and us in the NT?

LOVE GOD ↑
← LOVE OTHERS →