

**WHO DO YOU LOVE?  
THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT  
Matthew 22:34-38**

**I. JESUS IS ASKED A QUESTION ABOUT WHICH IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW (34-36)**

- A. The occasion for His answer: A question from an inquisitive testing scribe (34-35, Mk 12)
  
- B. The question: Which is the great commandment in the Law? (36)

**II. JESUS' ANSWER REVEALS THE NATURE OF A TRUE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM IS BASED UPON GENUINE LOVE: (37-39)**

- A. Jesus reveals the greatest commandment **is personal**: "You shall..." (37a)
  
- B. Jesus reveals the greatest commandment **is specific and relational**: "You shall Love the Lord your God..."(37a)
  
- C. Jesus reveals the greatest commandment **is all encompassing**: 'You shall love the LORD your God **with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**' (37)
  
- D. Jesus reveals the greatest commandment **is primary**: "This is the great and foremost commandment. (38)

*Next week Lord willing*

- E. Jesus reveals the **second greatest** commandment **is like the first**: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' (39)
- III. JESUS REVEALS THE TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS ARE THE BASIS FOR ALL THE OTHERS (40)**