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Adult Sunday School every Sun. at 9 a.m.

Children's Sunday School during Morning Message

BINGO NIGHT August 21st 5:30 p.m.



August 22—Men's Bible Study

Meet at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

September 15—Leadership TEAM

4:30 p.m. Fellowship Building

September 19—Women in the Word

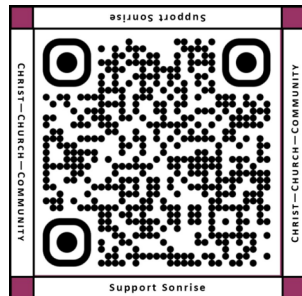
Meet at 10 a.m. Fellowship building

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QUESTIONING JESUS

About The Commandments



SEEKING JESUS STUDY SERIES

Mark 12.28-34

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Question Before THE QUESTION

- ♦ Luke 20.27-40 Jesus was approached by SADDUCEES about the _____.
- ♦ The one wife of seven brothers who dies and goes to heaven. "Whose wife will she be in the _____?"
- ♦ Jesus put them straight on the matter.
- ♦ "Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those worthy of being raised from the dead will _____ marry nor be _____ in marriage."
- ♦ The resurrection Question that they did not ask, but Jesus answered anyway. Is there a _____?
- ♦ Moses proved this when he wrote about the burning bush. Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, he referred to the Lord as 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' So, he is the God of the _____, not the _____, for they are all _____ to him."
- ♦ Jesus settled the matter. YES, there is a resurrection after death.
Death is a _____ and not a _____.

What is the Greatest Commandment?

- ♦ He asked Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"
- ♦ There are _____ commandments in the Torah, or Jewish Law.
- ♦ There are both _____ commandments (commands to do something (248)) and _____ commandments (commands not to do something (365)).



Journal 3 Week SEVEN

Conflicting Choices

Chronological Bible Date OCT. 26

What to watch for this week.

These are included to help get you started.

1. **(Sun)** This week, watch for the various ways Jesus contrasts people with each other. What type of people upset him the most? Why would this bother Jesus?
2. **(Mon)** Watch for the 5 (five) things a believer must do. How is each one important to a growing faith? How are these positives a direct contrast to the way the Old Testament handles righteousness?
3. **(Tue)** Watch for the way Jesus turns the tables on the religious leaders. What was their response to his question? Why would that make Jesus happy?
4. **(Wed)** Watch for what religious people value in life. Why would this bring them greater punishment? Who is the one speaking about punishment here? How is this different from the way he is typically portrayed by many today?
5. **(Thu)** Watch for the positive you can learn from negative people. How does Jesus distinguish himself from everyone else?
6. **(Fri)** Watch for the way Jesus speaks to HYPOCRITES (religious actors). Why was he so blunt with them?
7. **(Sat)** Watch for the way Jesus uses a poor widow to contrast with the religious actors (hypocrites). Why would this upset the religious leaders? © 2026 Bob Highlands III

YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' The second is this: 'YOU _____ YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

- ♦ This is not an optional add-on you request. It is the _____ ingredient in the life of a believer.
- ♦ The word here is _____. The highest form of love there is. It is the love that put Jesus on the cross.
- ♦ Ephesians 5.25 Husbands, LOVE (AGAPE) your wives...



- ♦ Realizing how much the man _____, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."
- ♦ Everything is about relationships.
 - ♦ With God and your Neighbor
- ♦ Everything is about love.
 - ♦ Deep AGAPE committed love.
- ♦ Everything is about obedience.
 - ♦ To the one true God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ♦ Everything is about _____.*
 - ♦ Which takes us back to a relationship with God and citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

- ♦ Many of these commandments can only be observed in _____, such as at the Temple in Jerusalem, which no longer exists.
- ♦ Some commandments apply only to _____ within the Jewish community, such as priests (Kohanim) or specifically to men or women.
- ♦ Broken down into two key categories: some apply to the _____ with GOD, and others apply to the _____ with other PEOPLE.

Ten Commandments Your Relationship with God or Your Neighbor

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| 1. You shall have no other gods before me. | 1. |
| 2. You shall not make for yourself an image or idol. | 2. |
| 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. | 3. |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy | 4. |
| 5. Honor your father and your mother. | 1. |
| 6. You shall not kill. | 2. |
| 7. You shall not commit adultery. | 3. |
| 8. You shall not steal. | 4. |
| 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor | 5. |
| 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house or wife. | 6. |



Jesus' Answer Part ONE

- ♦ 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the _____ and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'
- ♦ This is from Deuteronomy 6.4-5
- ♦ This _____, or belief in one eternally self-existent God. This is central to the Christian belief system. The one God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, or a trinitarian understanding of God.
- ♦ God has _____ to man and has recorded this in divinely inspired scripture.

Jesus' Answer Part TWO

- ♦ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."
- ♦ Luke 10.30-37 The Story of the Good Samaritan. The story of a _____ man who is robbed and beaten and ignored by a _____ priest and a _____

temple assistant and is finally helped by a _____ (dog).

- ♦ "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him _____ ." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."
- ♦ Mercy is kindness or _____ toward the miserable or the afflicted. It means to help relieve suffering or discomfort.
- ♦ Each of us must be aware of the _____ opportunities that are sent our way where we can show _____ to others. This is why we are given different _____. 1 Corinthians 4.7

The TRUTH of the Matter

- ♦ The teacher speaking to Jesus: "I know it is important to love HIM with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my NEIGHBOR as myself."
- ♦ FIRST is MY RELATIONSHIP WITH _____. This is about completely surrendering to God. This is not LAW but LOVE. HEART: _____ UNDERSTANDING: _____ STRENGTH: _____
- ♦ SECOND, MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY _____. This raises my responsibility to use my gifts and live every day as a believer in a world full of unbelievers.
- ♦ "The _____ is, 'HEAR, ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE; AND YOU _____ THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL