

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

Reference: **Matthew 22:34-40**

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Jesus enemies wanted to discredit Him; so, **Matthew chapter twenty-two** describes three different attempts to discredit Jesus through asking Him three different questions.

Question One: Should the Jewish people _____ to Caesar?

verses sixteen through twenty-two

Question Two: Is there a _____ from the dead?

verses twenty-three through thirty-three

Question Three: Which is the _____ in the Mosaic Law?

verses thirty-four through thirty-eight (see screen)

FIRST GREAT COMMANDMENT: Love God with _____ that we are.

SECOND GREAT COMMANDMENT: Love people as we would love _____.

verse thirty-nine (see screen)

The two greatest commandments are _____ and _____.

verse forty (see screen)

The entire Mosaic Law can be summarized into these two separate commandments.

Example: the Ten Commandments (Decalogue)

Reference: **Exodus 20:1-17** and **Deuteronomy 5:4-21**

- 1) worship _____ other gods
- 2) make no idols
- 3) don't misuse God's _____
- 4) honor God's special day (Sabbath)
- 5) honor our _____
- 6) don't murder
- 7) don't commit _____
- 8) don't steal
- 9) don't _____
- 10) don't covet

The Ten Commandments can be divided according to the great commandments.

- The first four commandments fit into the **first great commandment** because all four commandments relate to God. (see screen)
- The last six commandments fit into the **second great commandment** because all six commandments relate to people (see screen)

There are specific things we can do to love people as we would love ourselves.

ONE...is _____

Reference: **Proverbs 15:13a** "A merry heart makes a **cheerful countenance**."

TWO...is show an _____ in people

Reference: **Matthew 9:35** and **36**

verse thirty-five, "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

verse thirty-six, "But when He (Jesus) saw the multitudes (people) **He was moved with compassion for them...**"

THREE is to _____ people

Reference: **John 14b**, "... Peace to you. Our friends **greet** you. **Greet** the friends by **name**."

FOUR...is be _____

Reference: **John 1:47**, "Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, **in whom is no deceit**.'"

FIVE...is be a _____

Reference: **Mark 10:45**, "For even **the Son of Man** (Jesus) **did not come to be served, but to serve...**"