## "Jesus' Priority for You" Mt. 22:34-40 4/26/15

## A Test From The Religious Leaders

• "What is the greatest commandment in the Law?" (v.36)

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (v.37)

• Deuteronomy 6:5

"This is the great and foremost commandment." (v.38)

"And a second is like it." (v. 39)

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (v.39)

- Agape
- Unconditional, sacrificial action on behalf of another
- But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
- "Who is my neighbor?"
- "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt. 5:44)
- Love a man because he is...
- Love a man because he is, period.

"On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (v.40)

All this is grounded in God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

• "We love because He first loved us." (1 Jn. 4:19)

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\*LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE

BE A GREAT LOVER

**BE GREAT LOVERS!**