



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage Matthew 22:34-46

Title: The Proper Response to God's Love

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Discussion Starter – Discuss the lasting influence on the world of Jesus' 3-year ministry. Why do you think Jesus is the most influential person in human history?

The Greatest Commandment, (Matthew 22:34-40)

- Jesus quotes from the Shema, (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). What is the significance of this passage to the Jewish people? How do you keep God's word in the forefront of your life as described in verses 6-9?
- Reference the parallel passage in Mark 12:28-34. In your own words describe and differentiate between heart, soul, mind, and strength as to the way we are to love God.
- Why is it important to fully involve all our being in our love for God? Describe a "love" that lacks mind or soul or strength or heart.
- Why does God require a consuming love for Him? How does John MacArthur describe faith without consuming love? What do you consider are example of what consuming love looks like in the life of a Christian?
- How does the second command "love your neighbor" naturally follow love for God? How are these primary commandments expressed in the 2 tables of the 10 commandments?
- Reference 1 Chronicles 29:16-17. Discuss how consuming love is demonstrated by the expressions of free will. How do we gain true free will, (Romans 6:22/ 8:2)?
- What do you think Jesus meant in saying "all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments? Why do you think this an important truth to remember as we read and interpret our bible?

Jesus Turns the Tables- (Matthew 22:41-46)

- Reference Mark 12:32-34. The scribe was "not far from the kingdom of God". What amazing truth do we see being revealed about Jesus here?
- Why do you think Jesus posed the question, "Whose Son is the Christ?"
- What was so difficult about the next question Jesus asked of the Pharisees? What did it reveal?
- If love for God is the greatest commandment, why is "Whose Son is the Christ?" the most important question that each person has to answer?
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