

Mark 12:28-34
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FIRST GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 11:27 (NLT)

... As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, [Big wigs]

- 1. the leading priests (Chief Priests),**
- 2. the teachers of religious law (Scribes), and**
- 3. the elders came up to him.**



613 Commandments

- 248 – Positive
- 365 – Negative

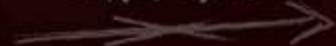
David E. Garland, Mark, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 476.



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The Great Commandment

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

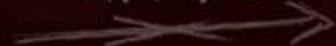


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29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’ **30** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

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³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³² And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other



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besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that



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he answered wisely, he said to him,
“You are not far from the kingdom of
God.” And after that no one dared to ask
him any more questions.



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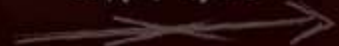
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2 Timothy 2:5 (ESV)

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

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John 14:6 (ESV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

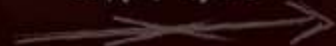
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John 3:18 (ESV)

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but

- whoever does not believe is condemned already,**
- because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**



Isaiah 45:5 (ESV)

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other,

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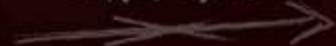
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Acts 4:12 (ESV)

¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

