

**The Greatest Commandment and the Son of David**  
**Matthew 22.34-46**  
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**34** When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together.

**35** And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: **36** “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?” **37** He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. **38** This is the greatest and most important command. **39** The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. **40** All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

**41** While the Pharisees were together, Jesus questioned them, **42** “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he? They replied, “David’s.” **43** He asked them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’:

**44** The Lord declared to my Lord,  
‘Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies under your feet’?

**45** “If David calls him ‘Lord,’ how, then, can he be his son?” **46** No one was able to answer him at all, and from that day no one dared to question him anymore.

Christ is, and must be, both Messiah and Love.

The Greatest Commandment

Mark 8:36 - For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his life?

Who is the Messiah?

Psalms 110 is quoted 29 times in the New Testament.

In Acts 2:35 Peter is quoting Psalm 110.

Deuteronomy 17.14-20 - **14** “When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, take possession of it, live in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations around me,’ **15** you are to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses. Appoint a king from your brothers. You are not to set a foreigner over you, or one who is not of your people. **16** However, he must not acquire many horses for himself or send the people back to Egypt to acquire many horses, for the Lord has told you, ‘You are never to go back that way again.’ **17** He must not acquire many wives for himself so that his heart won’t go astray. He must not acquire very large amounts of silver and gold for himself. **18** When he is seated on his royal throne, he is to write a copy of this instruction for himself on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. **19** It is to

remain with him, and he is to read from it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to observe all the words of this instruction, and to do these statutes. **20** Then his heart will not be exalted above his countrymen, he will not turn from this command to the right or the left, and he and his sons will continue reigning many years[a] in Israel.

Conclusion - What will you do with Jesus?

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- 1.) What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) What does it mean to love God completely? How will that help you understand how to love people more?
- 3.) The Israelites thought of Jesus only as an earthy king. Why is it such a big deal that even today they don't understand the true purpose of Jesus?
- 4.) Service to others is an act of love, but why is sharing the Gospel with others a more important of act of love?
- 5.) Jesus ties himself fully to love. Can real love exist outside of knowing Christ?
- 6.) From your Grow Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?