

A DELIGHTFUL OBSESSION (PART 1)

Mark 12:28-34

THREE EXAMINATIONS

- 1) The Most Important Thing In The Whole Bible Is Love
- 2) What Is Love?
- 3) If We Are Commanded To Love – And Jesus Is The Full Embodiment Of Love – Then We Ought To See Jesus Demonstrating These Commandments

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- **1 Corinthians 13:13**

- ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the **greatest** of these is love.

- **Romans 13:8-10**

- ⁸ Owe no one anything, **except to love each other,** for the one **who loves another has fulfilled the law.**
⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**

WHAT IS LOVE?

- **1 John 4:8**

- ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**

PROBLEM

- **God Is Invisible**

- **John 1:18**

- » ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God;

RESOLUTION

- **Love Made Visible**

- **1 John 4:9**

- » ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

IMPLICATION

- **Jesus Is The Fullest Visible Embodiment Of Love**

WE SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE JESUS LOVING

A. Mark 12:29-30 – Love Your God

A. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

A. The Significance Of “God Is One” [ALL AREAS]

- A. Zeus (Sky & Thunder)
- B. Aphrodite (Love – Beauty – Sexuality)
- C. Hermes (Literature – Poetry – Athletics – etc)

B. The Thorough Covering Of The Day & Methods [ALL TIMES & WAYS]

- A. Sit In The House (Mark 2:1-2)
- B. Walk By The Way (Mark 10:17)
- C. Lay Down (Mark 4:35-41)
- D. When You Rise (Mark 1:35)

C. The Totality Of The Claim Upon The Lover [ALL THAT WE HAVE]

- A. Heart (Mark 14:32-36)
- B. Soul (Mark 14:32-36)
- C. Mind (Matthew 4:1-11)
- D. Strength (Mark 15:33-37)

WE SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE JESUS LOVING (CONT)

A. Mark 7:21 “The Heart Produces Demonstration”

A. John 8:26:29

- A. What I have heard from Him (v26)
- B. Do nothing on my own authority (v28)
- C. Speak just as the father taught me (v28)
- D. Always do the things pleasing to Him (v29)

B. John 17

- A. Accomplished the work you gave me (v4)
- B. Gave them words you gave me (v8)
- C. Make known your name (v26)

C. Matthew 6:10

- A. Your will be done