

God is...

One

## Mark 12:28-34

<sup>28</sup> 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?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The most important is, **‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’** <sup>30</sup> **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.’** <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

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<sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> 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.” <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that 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.

# Jesus Recites the Shema

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Shema – “Hear”

A Confession of Faith that Israelites repeated regularly .

Love the Lord your God...

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Devotion not Duty

With my **WHOLE BEING**

The whole import and substance of the Bible teaches us that the God who does not need anything nevertheless desires the adoration and worship of His created children.

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# God is One – One God not Many

“You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.” (v32)

God has an exclusive claim to our worship.

No idols

*Is there anything in my life that competes for the love, adoration, or worship that God alone deserves?*

God is One – One God not Many

No area of life is outside God's claim.

*Are there any areas of my life that I keep from God or refuse to surrender?*

God desires that we love Him **alone**  
with our whole being  
in **every aspect of our life.**