

Sermon Notes for June 1st 2025

Series: “Doing Things Jesus’s Way”

Message: “Confirming Our Love for God”

Sermon Text: **Matthew 22:34-40**; Old Testament Text: Psalm **36:5-27**; New Testament Text:

Romans 13:8-10. Read **Matthew 22:34-40 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Matthew 22:34-40: But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

1. Read **Matthew 22:34**. According to Pastor Dave (and scripture), *how had Jesus silenced the Sadducees?*

Why do you think the Pharisees gathered to meet so quickly after Jesus had humiliated the Sadducees?

2. Read **Matthew 22:35-36**. How many laws were there in the Jewish law in Jesus’s time?

How many laws were there to prohibit something?

How many laws were there to do something positive?

Why did Pr. Dave suggest that the lawyer might really have wanted to know which law was the greatest?

What is the more probable reason the lawyer asked the question?

3. Read **Matthew 22:37-38**. How does Jesus respond to the lawyer’s question?

Why does it make so much sense that *loving God would be the first and greatest commandment*?

4. Read **Matthew 22:39-40**. Why are we doomed to failure if we attempt to *love our neighbor as ourselves* if we don't *first love God*?

What did Jesus mean by what He said in **Matthew 22:40**?

5. How well would you say you do in living this commandment out?
6. How would always seeking to live this commandment out *confirm your love for God*?
7. What will you remember most from this message?