

The background of the top half of the image shows several dried, pressed leaves hanging from a thin string. The leaves are light brown and yellowish, with some showing blue staining. The background behind the leaves is a soft, out-of-focus mix of green and yellow light. The text is overlaid on this scene.

What is the

GREATEST
COMMANDMENT?

MATTHEW 22:34-40



What is the
greatest
commandment?

*"What is the greatest commandment?
Hear ye, O Israel: The Lord our God,
The Lord is one:
Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
with all thy soul, with all thy strength,
and with all thy mind;
this is the first and greatest commandment.*
Matthew 22:37-39

MARK

12:28-34

&

LUKE

10:25-28

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”



THIS DAY IS MONDAY



WEDNESDAY HE WILL BE CRUCIFIED



SUNDAY HE WILL RISE FROM DEAD



SATURDAY,

HE RODE INTO JERUSALEM AND WAS
HAILED AS THE MESSIAH.



SUNDAY,

HE CLEANED THE TEMPLE OUT OF ALL
THE MONEYCHANGERS AND THE SELLERS.

A cinematic scene of Jesus in a grand temple. Jesus, with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe with a red sash, stands in the center, gesturing with his right hand. He is surrounded by several people in period clothing. The temple features tall, fluted columns and a bright, glowing light source in the background, creating a dramatic atmosphere.

MONDAY,

JESUS IS BACK IN THE TEMPLE, WHICH HE HAS
CLEANSED, AND HE IS MOVING AROUND IN THE
TEMPLE TEACHING

MATTHEW 21:28-32

"THE PARABLE OF TWO SONS"



MATTHEW 21:22-46

"THE WICKED VINEDRESSERS"



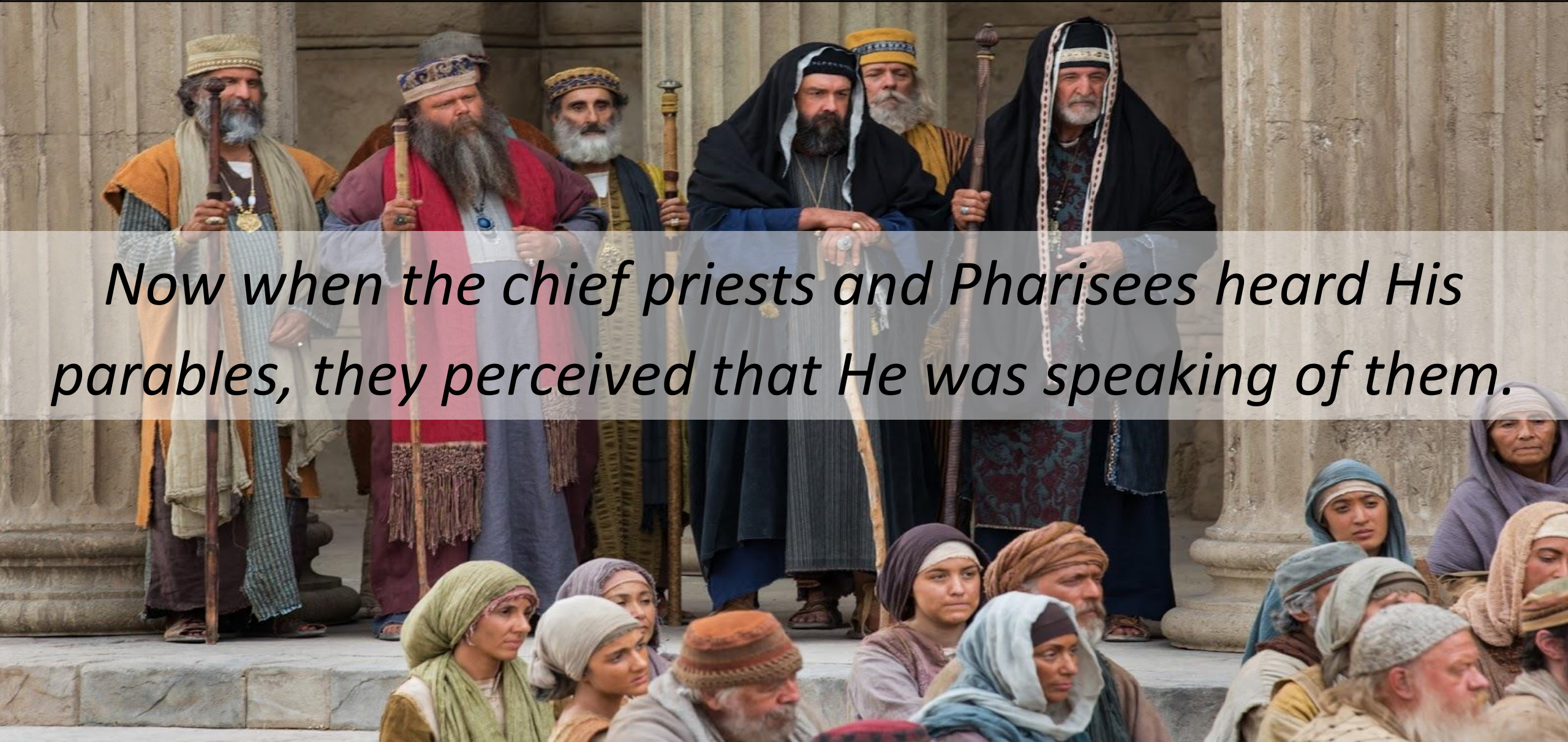
MATTHEW 22:1-14

"THE WEDDING FEAST"



Matthew 21:45

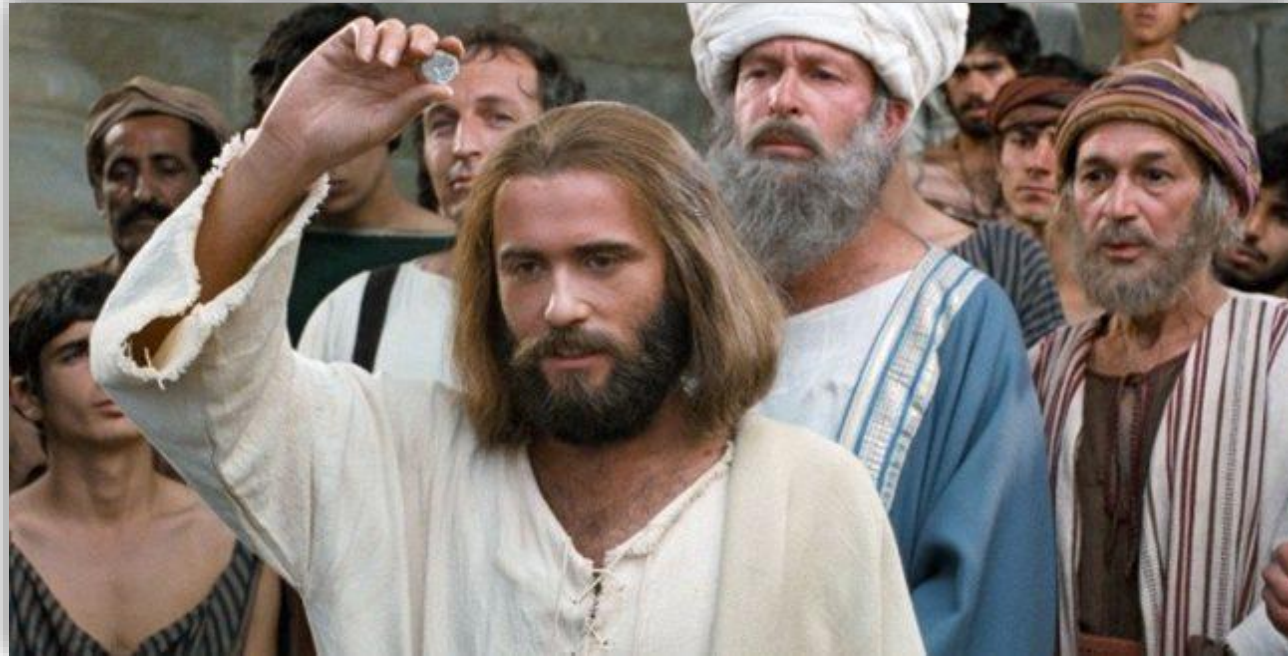
Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.



1ST QUESTION:

MATTHEW 22:13-22

PAYING TAXES



2ND QUESTION:

MATTHEW 22:23-33

ABOUT RESURRECTION



3RD QUESTION:

MATTHEW 22:34-40

WHAT IS THE GREATEST
COMMANDMENT?





4TH QUESTION:

MATTHEW 22:41-45

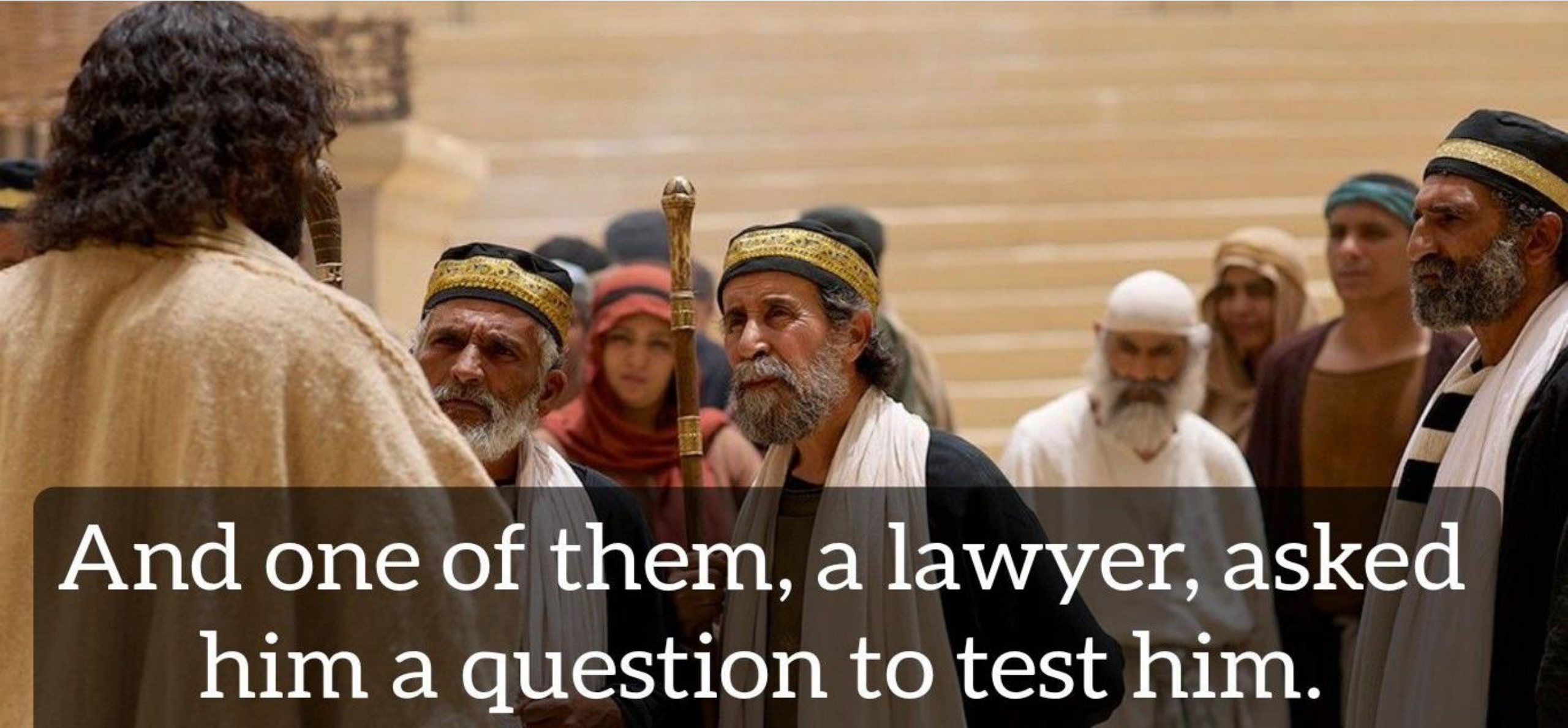
**DAVID
CALLING HIS
DESCENDANT
LORD.**



Matthew 22:15

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.

MATTHEW 22:35




And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.



MARK

12:34

*But after that
no one dared
question
Him.*



MATTHEW

22:34

*But when the
Pharisees heard that
He had silenced the
Sadducees, they
gathered together.*



PSALMS

2:2-3

The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.”



ACTS

4:26

The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered Against the Lord and against His Christ.'



MATTHEW

22:35

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,



MARK

12:32-34

So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. 33 And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

MATTHEW

22:35

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MOSES WAS THEIR GREAT HERO

“God calls Moses faithful in all His house, and thereby ranks him higher than the ministering angels themselves.”

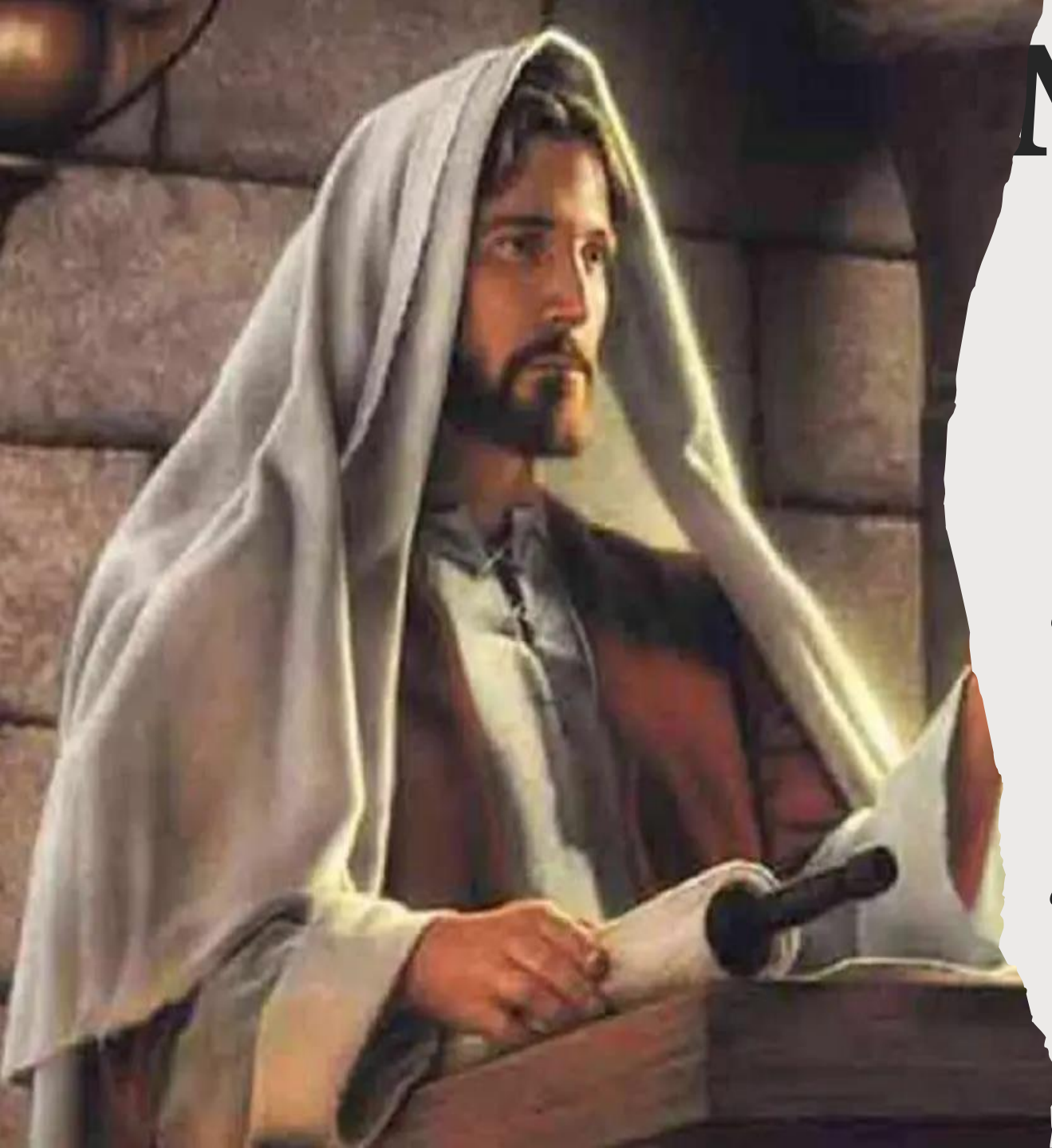
Rabbi Jose ben Halafta, 2nd Century.



MATTHEW

23:2

saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.



MATTHEW

5:17-19

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”



MATTHEW

22:36

*“Teacher,
which is the great
commandment in
the law?”*



613 SEPARATE LAWS ARE
DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS.

Positive/affirmative: There are
248 affirmative laws.

*One for every part of the
human body.*

Negative/ Prohibitive: There
are **365** negative laws.

One for every day of the year.

MATTHEW

23:4

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.





MATTHEW

22:37-38

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” 38 This is the first and great commandment.



Hear, O Israel

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.



MEZUZAH ON THE DOOR



An orthodox Jew
strapping to his
forehead the
phylactery, the little box
strapping to his arm



WITH ALL YOUR
HEART

WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL

WITH ALL YOUR
MIGHT

DEUT

6:5

*“You shall love the
Lord your God
with all your
heart, with all
your soul, with all
your strength.”*

Shema Yisrael

שמע
ישׁראל

Hear O Israel

The Shema

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5



PROVERBS

4:23

*Keep your heart
with all diligence,
For out of
it spring the issues
of life.*

Ahavah: "Love"

- ♥ love of will, the
- ♥ love of the mind,
- ♥ love of action,
rather than the
- ♥ love of feeling



ἀγαπάω

agapaō / love

**love of intelligence, purpose,
love of will**



Agape
God's love for humankind

φιλέω

phileō / love

love of emotion or affection





Eros

Ἔρως



love of the physical senses



“Heart”
*basically in the
Hebrew
understanding*
**is the core of a
person’s
identity**

PROVERBS

4:23

*Keep your heart
with all diligence,
For out of
it spring the issues
of life.*





Eat and
Drink!

PROVERBS

23:7

*For as he thinks
in his heart,
so is he. “Eat and
drink!” he says to
you,*



MATTHEW

26:38

Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

**Greater love
has no one
than this:**

**to lay down
one's life for
one's
friends.**

JOHN 15:13





1 JOHN

4:19

*We love Him
because He first
loved us.*



BELIEVE

JAMES

2:19

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

MATTHEW

23:13

*“But woe to you,
scribes and
Pharisees,
hypocrites!”*





MATTHEW

23:14

*“But woe to you,
scribes and
Pharisees,
hypocrites!*

MATTHEW

23:15

*“But woe to you,
scribes and
Pharisees,
hypocrites!”*



MATTHEW

23:23

*“But woe to you,
scribes and
Pharisees,
hypocrites!*





MATTHEW

23:25

*“But woe to you,
scribes and
Pharisees,
hypocrites!”*



MATTHEW

23:27

*“But woe to you,
scribes and
Pharisees,
hypocrites!*

MATTHEW

23:29

*“But woe to you,
scribes and
Pharisees,
hypocrites!”*



EXODUS

20

the Ten Commandments.

The Commandments

I

Thou shalt have no other
gods before me

II

Thou shalt not make unto
thee any graven image

III

Thou shalt not take the name
of the LORD thy God in vain

IV

Remember the sabbath day
to keep it holy

V

Honour thy father
and thy mother

Ten

Commandments

VI

Thou shalt not kill

VII

Thou shalt not
commit adultery

VIII

Thou shalt not steal

IX

Thou shalt not bear false
witness against thy neighbour

X

Thou shalt not covet

A hand is shown from the bottom left, reaching upwards. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a rainbow visible. The sun is shining brightly, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is hopeful and uplifting.

EXODUS

20:6

*but showing mercy
to thousands, to
those who love Me
and keep My
commandments.*



DEUT

7:9

*“Therefore know that
the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful
God who keeps covenant
and mercy for a thousand
generations with those who
love Him and keep His
commandments;*

A photograph of a man and a young boy praying together. The man is on the left, with his hands clasped in prayer. The boy is on the right, also with his hands clasped. They are sitting at a table with a large, dark brown Bible in front of them. The Bible has a small gold cross on its cover. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a bookshelf and a framed picture.

NEHEMIAH

1:5

And I said: "I pray, Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments,



JOHN

14:15

*“If you love
Me, keep My
commandments.”*



**WE LOVE
HIM
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.**

1
JOHN
4:19

EPHESIANS

6:24

*Grace be with all
those who love
our Lord Jesus
Christ in
sincerity. Amen.*



1 CORINTH

16:22

*If anyone does not
love the Lord Jesus
Christ, let him
be accursed. O Lord,
come!*



EXODUS

20:5

you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

DEUT

5:9

you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

A person is sitting on a wooden bench in the foreground, looking towards a large rock formation. The rock formation has text carved into it. The text is arranged in several lines: "I. THE LORD YOUR GOD" at the top, "AM A" in the middle, "Jealous" in a large, cursive font, and "GOD" at the bottom. The background shows a forested mountain range under a cloudy sky.

I. THE LORD YOUR GOD
AM A
Jealous
GOD



DEUT

32:41

*If I whet My glittering
sword, And My hand
takes hold on judgment,
I will render vengeance
to My enemies, And
repay those who hate
Me.*



PSALMS

18

*Love that
meditates on
God's glory.*



PSALM

31:23

*It is a love
that trusts in
God's great
power.*



PSALM

63:1-8

*It is a love
that seeks
fellowship
with God.*



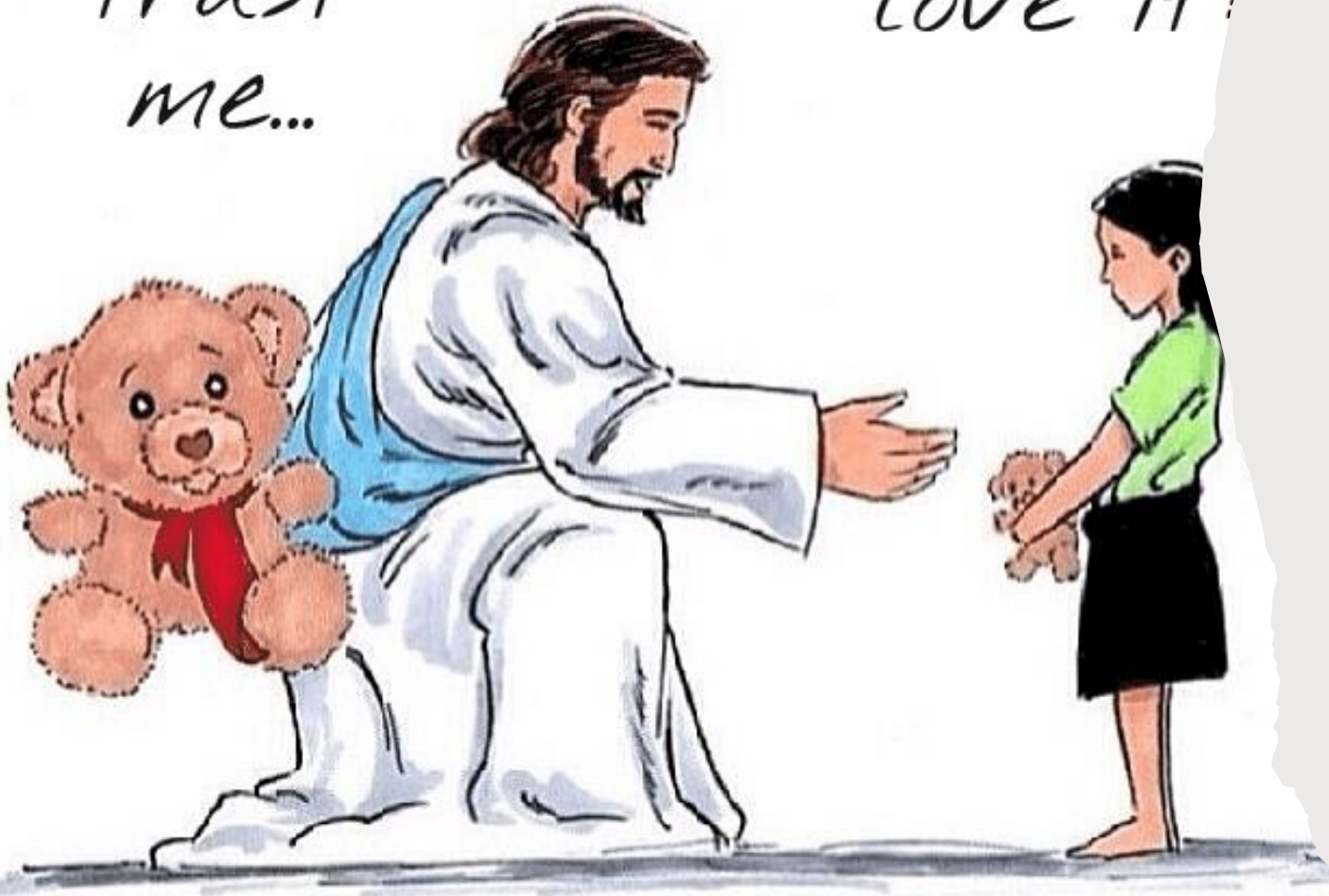
PSALM

119:165

*It is a love that
secures the peace
of the soul.*

Just
trust
me...

But I
love it!



PSALM

69:9

*It is a love that
is sensitive to
how God feels*



PSALM

119:72,

97, 103

*It is a love that
loves what
God loves*

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, with its pages fanned out to form a heart shape. The book is placed on a dark, textured surface. The background is a soft, warm sunset or sunrise sky with hues of orange, yellow, and pink. The right side of the image is torn, revealing a white background where the text is located.

1 JOHN

5:1

*It is a love that
loves whom
God loves*



PSALM

97:10

*It is a love
that hates
what God
hates*



MATTHEW

26:75

*It is a love
that grieves
over sin*



1 JOHN

2:15

*It is a love
that rejects
the world*

2 TIMOTHY

4:8

It is a love that
longs to be
with Christ



PHILIPPIANS

1:9

*And this I pray,
that your love
may abound still
more and more in
knowledge and all
discernment,*



Love that meditates on His
glory

Love that trusts in His power,
Love that seeks His fellowship,
Love that secures peace with
Him,

Love that is sensitive to His
feelings,

Loves what He loves and loves
whom He loves and hates
what He hates,

Love that grieves over sin,
Love that rejects the world,
Loves the Saviour,

ROMANS

5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.



Hope

MATTHEW

22:39

And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

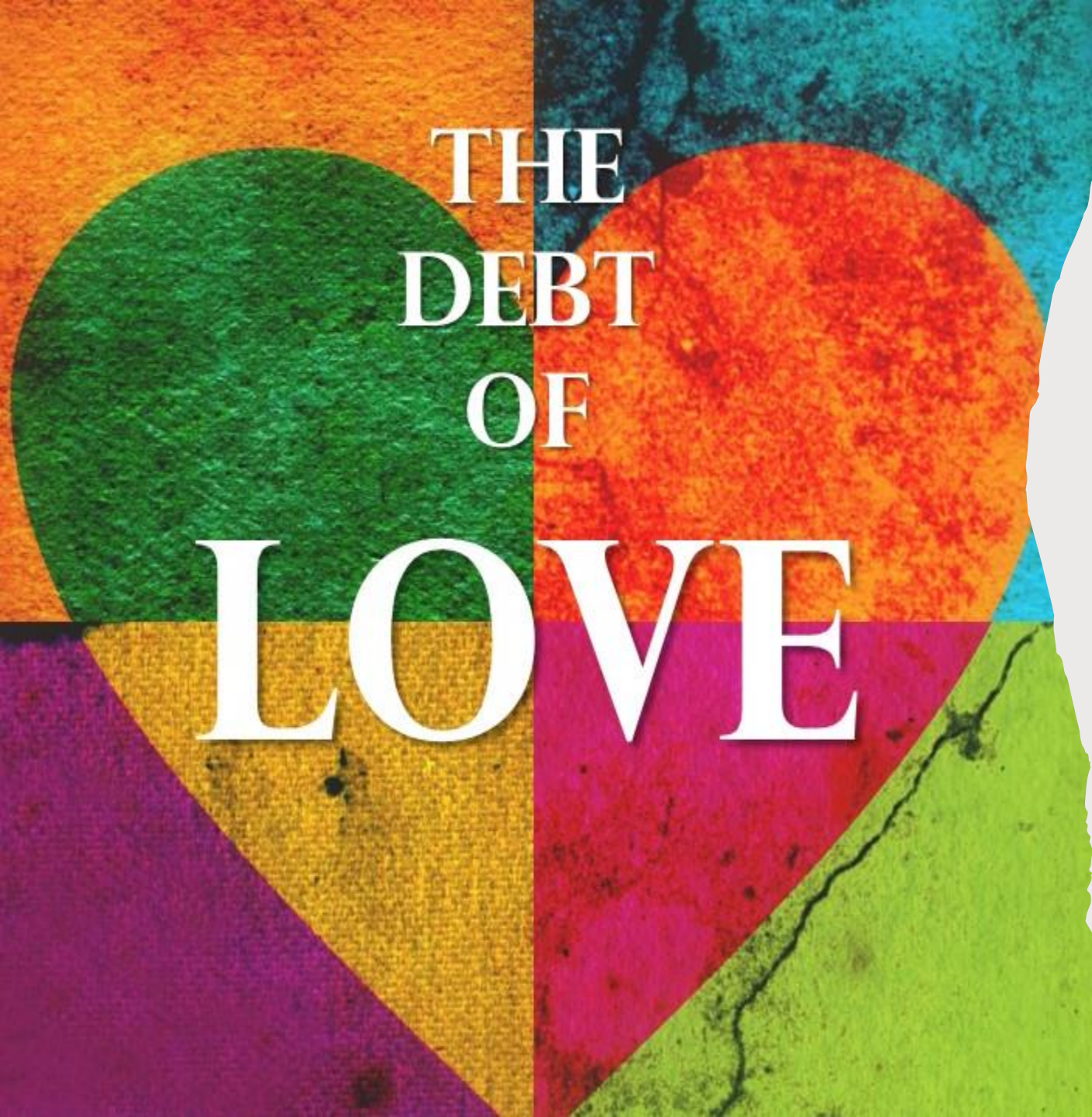




MATTHEW

22:40

*On these two
commandments
hang all the Law
and the
Prophets.”*



THE
DEBT
OF
LOVE

ROMANS

13:8-10

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.



MARK

12:34

*“No one dared
ask Him any
more
questions.”*

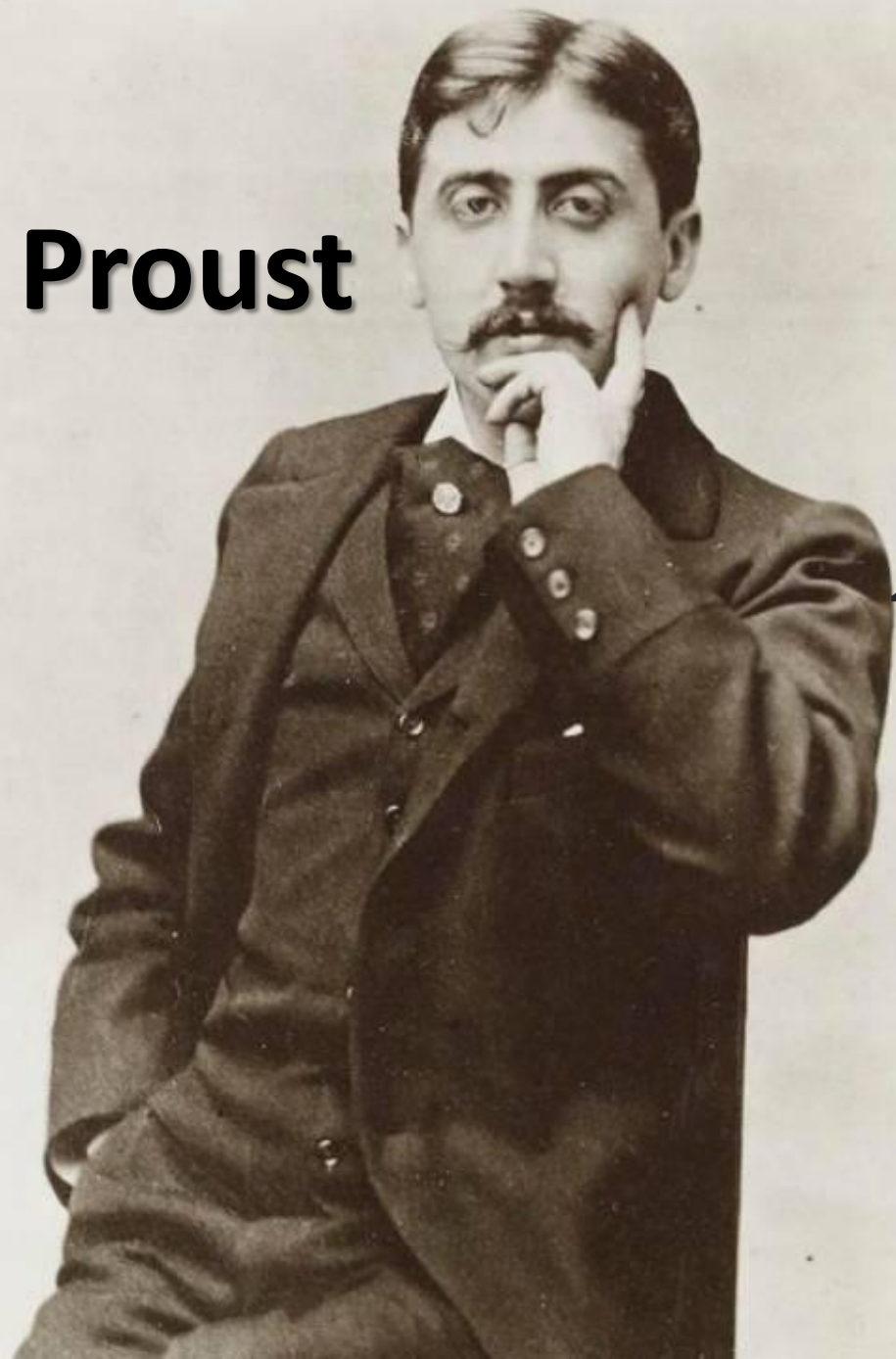


the longest love letter ever written was written in **1875**, and it was written from a Parisian painter by the name of **Marcel Proust**, addressed to **Madame de Noailles**



he wrote I love
you, one
million eight
hundred and
seventy-five
thousand times.

Marcel Proust



he said it one million
eight hundred and
seventy-five thousand
times and she wrote it
one million eight
hundred and seventy-
five thousand times



The gift of Christ
is the greatest
testament to
God's
immeasurable
love.