

# Jesus Our Teacher

## What Jesus Said.... About Love

### Introduction

1. Jesus' teaching was a central part of his ministry.
2. Because His followers had learned to trust Him as their teacher that after the cross they followed Him as their Saviour.

*One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. Mark 12:28-34*

What does it mean for us to make Jesus our Teacher?

1. To believe that Jesus really knows what he's talking about.
2. If you believe what he says, be willing to do what He says

Lists of Important Commandments and Virtues

- Ten commandments - Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5
- "LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?"

"He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbour no wrong, and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man, but honours those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury, and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken." Psalm 15

- "He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil – this is the man who will dwell on the heights."

Isaiah 33:15-16

- "Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

"The first is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these'" (vv. 29-31).

'neighbour' - derived two Anglo Saxon words

- 'neah' – from which we get our word 'near'
- 'boor' - a farmer.

Parable of the Good Samaritan - "Whose neighbour am I?"

Jesus' teaching was seldom informational, it was transformational.

"A disciple, when fully trained and when fully formed, will be like his or her teacher or master." Luke 6:40