

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Loving God With Our Whole Being

Matthew 22:37

Three Questions (Matt. 22:15–40):

1. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?

Matt. 22:15–22

2. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? Matt. 22:23–33

3. Teacher, which is the great commandment of the Law? Matt. 22:34–40

Jesus' Counter Question:

4. Whose Son is the Messiah? Matt. 22:41–46

Matt. 22:35, “Then one of them, **a lawyer**, [*nomikos—expert in the Torah*] asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

Matt. 22:36, “ ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?’ ”

Mark 12:30, “ ‘And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.”

ἀγαπάω *agapaō* pres act infin to love

**καρδία *kardia* gen fem sing heart, fig.,
for the mind, or inner most thoughts**

**σύνεσις *sunesis* gen fem sing
understanding, intelligence**

ἰσχύς *ischus* gen fem sing strength, might

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לֵבָב *levav*

**heart, mind,
understanding**

נֶפֶשׁ

nefesh
soul

מְאֹד *me'od*

**very,
exceedingly,
much, force,
abundance**

1. God is Love

2. What is God's Love?

Learning to Love God

God's Love

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

1. God is Love, 1 John 4:8, 16

1 John 4:8, “He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

1 John 4:16, “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”

2. God initiates love toward the human race.

1 John 4:19, “We love [Him] because He first loved us.”

3. This makes God ~ the male as the initiator.

The human race ~ the female as the responder.

4. Human love is part of the image of God in all of us, and finds its archetype or pattern in God's love.

5. Therefore, we must understand Divine Love if we are going to understand Love.

What is Divine Love?

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**οὕτως *houtōs*
(intens) thus, so,
in this way;
not so much**

**ἀγαπάω *agapaō*
aor act indic 3 sing
to love, broad
word for love**

1. The pattern, paradigm, picture for us of Divine Love is in the cross.

Rom 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died as a substitute for us.”

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