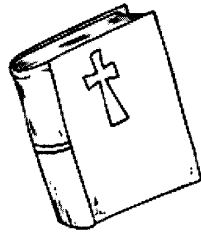


The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-34

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength.
Mark 12:30 (NIV)



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31 October, 2021

Mark 12:30

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself."

Dear Father, help us to love the people around us, and also help us to love you with all that we have. **Amen.**

WordSearch: Mark 12:28-34 (CEV)



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?"
Mark 12:28 (NIV)



TEACHERS
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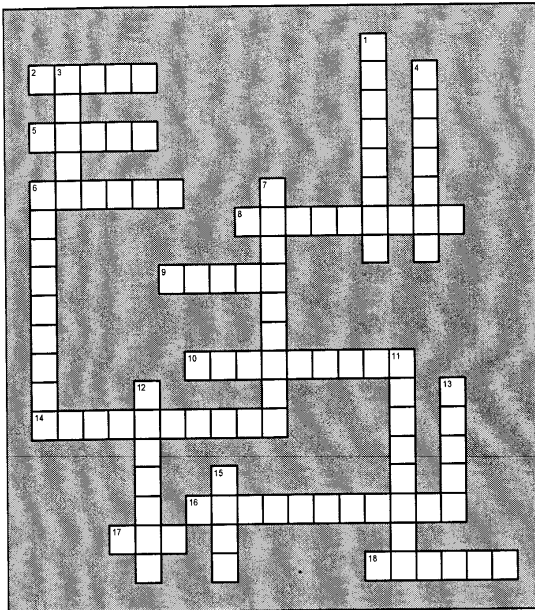
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Crossword: Mark 12:28-34 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
 Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

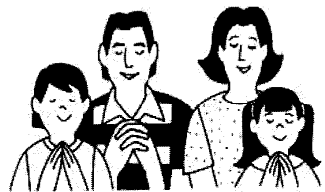
- 11 down) One of the _____ of the Law of Moses came up
- 6 down) while Jesus and the _____ were arguing.
- 5 across) When he heard _____ give a good answer, he asked him,
- 16 across) What is the most important _____?
- 10 across) Jesus answered, "The most _____ one says:
- 18 across) People of _____, you have only one Lord and God.
- 15 down) You must _____ him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.'
- 6 across) The _____ most important commandment says:
- 1 down) Love others as much as you love _____.'
- 2 across) No _____ commandment is more important than these."
- 4 down) The man _____, "Teacher,
- 17 across) you are certainly right to say there is only one _____.
- 13 down) It is also true that we must love God with all our _____, mind, and strength,
- 8 across) and that we must love others as much as we love _____.
- 3 down) _____ commandments are more important
- 14 across) than all the _____ and offerings that we could possibly make."
- 9 across) When _____ saw that the man had given a sensible answer,
- 12 down) he told him, "You are not far from God's _____."
- 7 down) After this, no one dared ask Jesus any more _____.



God made heaven and earth;
 he created the sea and everything else.
 God always keeps his word.

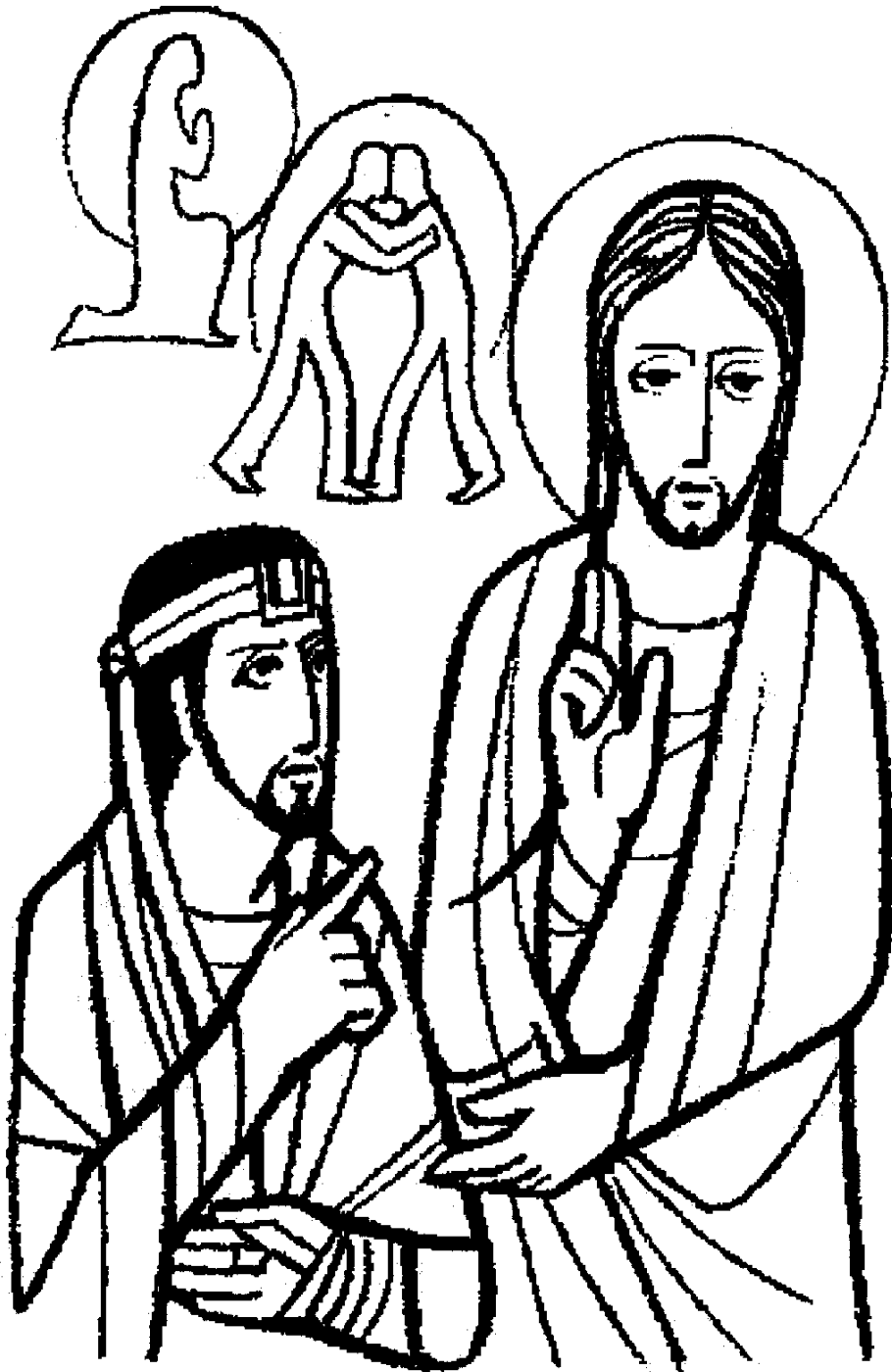


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 Love others as much as you love yourself.**



ANIMAL SACRIFICES OFFERED

TO TAKE AWAY THE PEOPLE'S SIN



THEN THE SACRIFICE WAS PLEASING TO GOD

YES

BUT DO THEIR LIVES SHOW THAT THEY ARE REALLY SORRY?

NO

THEN THEY MIGHT AS WELL NOT WASTE THEIR TIME AND MONEY DOING IT.

LOOK AT WHAT THE SCRIBE SAID TO JESUS :
MARK 12 : 33

CORRECT PRACTICE - OR THE REAL THING ?

YOU MEAN LIKE GOING TO CHURCH EVERY WEEK BUT NOT REALLY TAKING GOD SERIOUSLY ?

Yes, that's right. The Jewish people were going through all the ritual of sacrifices but they weren't always engaging with the real thing.

LOVING GOD, DO YOU MEAN ?

Yes - that's having a real relationship with God, not being a robot.

WHY DID PEOPLE BOTHER WITH THE SACRIFICES IF THEY DIDN'T MEAN THEM ?

They thought they'd do, instead of sorting their lives out.

NO WONDER IT ANNOYED JESUS !

THE SHEMA

"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord"

THIS WAS THE GREAT STATEMENT OF FAITH FOR EVERY JEWISH PERSON.

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE FIRST AND LAST LETTERS ?

THAT'S BECAUSE IN HEBREW THEY MADE THE WORD 'WITNESS'

BE THOU MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART,
NAUGHT BE ALL ELSE TO ME SAVE THAT
THOU ART;
THOU MY BEST THOUGHT IN THE DAY
AND THE NIGHT,
WAKING OR SLEEPING, THY PRESENCE
MY LIGHT.

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IMAGINE THE IMPACT OF JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, RECITING THE SHEMA !