## **The Greatest Commandment**

Matthew 22:34-40 (series #124)

Introduction: the hatred of groups against Jesus - Matthew 21:15-16, 23

## I. The Plot of the Pharisees v. 34

- A. The Sadducees failed (vv. 23-33)
- B. The Pharisees gathered together

## II. The Question of the Lawyer vv. 35-36

- A. An expert in the Mosaic Law
- B. The lawyers had a complex system
- C. He wanted to know the greatest command

## III. The Answer from Jesus vv. 37-40

- A. Deuteronomy 6:5 is the mega command
  - 1. Psalm 18;1
  - 2. John 14:15
  - 3. Luke 6:46
  - 4. John 13:1-5; 21:1-17
- B. Leviticus 19:18 is also a mega command- Ephesians 5:29
- C. These two sum up all of Hebrew Scripture

**Conclusion**: Do we love like this?