

Reading for 25 October

Matthew Chapter 22 verses 32-46

The Great Commandment

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, 35 and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. 36 “Teacher,” he asked, “which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and the most important commandment. 39 The second most important commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ 40 The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

41 When some Pharisees gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is he?”

“He is David's descendant,” they answered.

43 “Why, then,” Jesus asked, “did the Spirit inspire David to call him ‘Lord’? David said,

44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord:

Sit here at my right side

until I put your enemies under your feet.’

45 If, then, David called him ‘Lord,’ how can the Messiah be David's descendant?”

46 No one was able to give Jesus any answer, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.