

# Matthew 22:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

## Analysis

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This text illustrates key Reformed principles: *sola Scriptura*, *sola gratia*, and *sola fide*. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

## Historical Context

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This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?
3. How should you share this truth with others?

## Interlinear Text

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Διδάσκαλε, ποία ἐντολὴ μεγάλη ἐν τῷ νόμῳ;  
Master which commandment is the great in the law  
G1320 G4169 G1785 G3173 G1722 G3588 G3551

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 11:42** (Parallel theme): But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

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