**Our God is the Only God**

Mark 12:28-34

Key Verse: 12:29 “‘The most important one,’ answered Jesus, ‘is this: ‘Here, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.’”

1. What does the phrase, “the Lord our God, the Lord is one” tell us about God? (29; See Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 40:15; John 14:6) Why is it important to know that there is only one true God and worship him alone? What are the dangers of idolatry in our times?

2. What is the most important commandment? (30) How can we love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength? How does obedience to this command preclude idolatry of all kinds, and reveal the way of blessing? (Exodus 20:5,6)

3. What is the second great commandment? (31) How is it related to the first? (1Jn 4:19b-21) How did God demonstrate the meaning of real love (Ro 5:8)? Why must we love those who don’t seem to deserve our love? (Mt 5:43-48)

4. How did this young teacher respond to Jesus’ answer? (32-33) What does his answer reveal about him? How was this man different from the Pharisees? (34)