

## Deacon's Beacons

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And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37–39

The great Sh'ma from Deuteronomy and a quote from Leviticus. This is not groundbreaking theology. This is a good Jew who knows His scripture. You have to wonder why a scholar of the Law would ask such a question. The answer is really obvious. Maybe it was a test to see just how orthodox Jesus was. In any case, this presents the two most important things about our faith as well. We must love and serve God and we must love and serve our neighbor. And we do not get to choose who our neighbor is.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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